Dear OUR Community,

Congratulations to the class of 2022! Undergraduate research is a high impact experience, where we know that research collaborations that foster mentoring relationships among students, faculty, and staff, leads to career defining decisions, successful outcomes in graduate school placement, and graduation rates of 4.5 years at the University of Utah. Every semester, it is because of OUR community, all of you, that the University of Utah has a thriving research community as an R1 institution promoting cutting edge research. This academic year 136 students earned an Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation. And an academic year in review, OUR funded approximately 600 undergraduate researchers with UROP, SPUR, scholarships, and travel and small grants, educated 1,458 students, supported 582 presenters, advised 453 students, and outreached to 232,261 people. The success of OUR is illuminated in our commitment to supporting researchers in all 18 colleges, and we have successfully done so in programming, funding, and opportunities.

The month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Awareness Month. It is an honor to lead with all of you as the first KoreXicana, Asian-Latina, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Director of OUR. During the spring 2022 semester, OUR funded 44 scholars (UROP and scholarships) and 22 SPUR scholars for summer 2022 who identify as Asian American, multi-racial Asian (Asian multi-racial with Black, White and Latina), and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. OUR undergraduate researchers are contributing to a range of fields working with faculty mentors in Business, Cultural & Social Transformation, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health, Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Social & Behavioral Science. Nearly 6% of the University of Utah student population identify as Asian American, Pacific Islander or Hawaiian. And OUR is committed to supporting our diverse students whose contributions to research encompass a range of topics including the brain, diabetes, statistical analysis, nanostructures, racism, oral history, mindfulness, marriage, and marketing, to name a few. Asian American faculty and staff who support all students may be found in the 18 colleges, faculty affiliates of the Asia Center, and partners of the Asian American Student Association.

With gratitude to OUR community and solidarity with the AAPI community, I wish everyone a celebratory May.

Annie Isabel Fukushima, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Undergraduate Research
Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 SPUR SCHOLARS!

We're excited to welcome these students to our Summer Program for Undergraduate Research. The purpose of SPUR is to provide undergraduate students with an intensive research experience under the mentorship of a University of Utah faculty member. The program provides opportunities to gain research experience in a variety of disciplines.

We can't wait to see these students on May 25! See our webpage for more information about these participants and the projects they'll be working on. Attend our summer symposium in August to learn more about their research!

Brenda Acosta
Camden Alexander
Gabriel Baffour
Sarah Bayardo
Andrew Bergenthal
Brielle Bingener
Marco Castaneda
Hope Caviness
Jessica Cuello
Rachel D'Agostini
Sam Evans
Natalia Garrido
Jackie Gomez
Naomi Guerrero Reyes
Caden Hamrick
Ellie Han
Sarah Haysley
Jake Hirst

Tom Kauffman
Luke Kim
Ananya Kumar
Jordy Larrea Rodriguez
Marlon Lopez
Eliana Massey
Norzom
Tara Olson
Monica Owens
Catherine Petersen
Audrey Pozernick
Tejashree Prakash
Kevin Ramos
Jade Robinson
Keaton Rosquist
Mary Smith
Olivia Vielstich
Eleanor Wachtel

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Undergraduate Research Education Series
Wed, May 25 @ 11am - 12pm
Research Participant Recruitment
Fri, June 3 @ 12 - 1pm
How to Keep Up with Literature
Thurs, June 9 @ 11:30am - 12:30pm
How to Read a Research Article
Thurs, June 16 @ 11am - 12pm
Citation Management
Mon, June 20 @ 11am - 12pm
Unsettling the Archive
Mon, June 27 @ 12 - 1pm
Writing Abstracts

For full schedule of URES workshops this summer, please visit the URES page.

If you received advising from our office this semester, please fill out our feedback survey!

Request a class presentation
Learn about undergraduate research and OUR opportunities.

Post a research opportunity
Opportunities posted on the OUR website, a searchable database, and on social media.

OUR virtual drop-in hours for summer
Wednesdays 3-4pm
https://utah.zoom.us/j/98174369226
Meeting ID: 981 7436 9226
Passcode: research

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORSHIP SURVEY FOR FACULTY

Dear Faculty Members and Administrators,

Please take this 15 minute survey for a national research study about faculty mentorship of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity (URSCA).

https://tcnj.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SteomQM5uWgLg8J

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS!

Share your publication, presentation, and all other highlights with us! We want to feature your accomplishments on our webpage.

https://ugs.formstack.com/forms/highlights