RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Undergraduate students work one-on-one or in small teams on scholarly projects under the supervision of a faculty mentor. By pursuing undergraduate research or creative endeavors, students learn how disciplines advance and knowledge is acquired; they begin to define and focus their academic and career interests; and they may receive academic credit. Students have an opportunity to present their research or creative work at the annual Student Research Conference held in the spring semester, at conferences around the country, and across the world.

The Fellowships, Opportunities, and Undergraduate Research (FOUR) Office staff help students identify mentors and research projects in natural & social sciences, engineering & mathematics, humanities & fine arts, and the professions. The staff advises undergraduate students across the university at every step of the way—from helping students understand research in their disciplines, providing research support, and funding both the research and the students to present their research. Additionally, as students are finishing their undergraduate education, the FOUR Office can help plan the next steps—research, teaching abroad, funding a graduate education, or year-long internship—and translate your research to the next stage in your life.

The FOUR Office supports undergraduate research at the annual Student Research Conference as well as through Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF), the Leahy Scholars Program, Brennan Summer Scholars, Simon Family Foundation Awards, and Mini- and Travel Grants. FOUR also vets applications for the Pre-health/Pre-medical Enhancement Program (PEP) and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Internship Program.

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