



The [Office for Undergraduate Research](#) newsletter is published two times per month to share news about undergraduate research at UNC, relevant events, accomplishments of our students and faculty, and more. For additional information, please visit our website at www.unc.edu/depts/our or email us at our@unc.edu.

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OUR News and Events

OUR Blog:

- Participate in the first ever OUR [laptop sticker contest](#).
- Alumna [Diana Gergel](#) discusses her undergraduate research experience in history and where it has led her.
- Read more from SURF recipient Serena Hackerott about her adventures with [lionfish](#).
- Alumna Katie Sullivan shares her [experiences](#) with research, acting, and travel.

OUR People:

- Check out the [learning modules](#) created by our [HHMI Future Teachers](#). These modules are intended to provide curriculum support to high school science teachers and self-study opportunities for interested students.

OUR Events:

- Our first [SURF Information Session](#) will be held on November 13. Watch for more details.
- Thanks to our cosponsors and presenters at the October Research Methodology workshops; over 50 students learned about research using oral history, archival materials, and community-based research.

Other Events and News:

- Apply to present at the [State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium](#): Deadline EXTENDED to October 23, 2012 at 5 p.m.
- Abstract submission for the April 5-6, 2013 [Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) opens November 1.
- The Center for Faculty Excellence offers its annual [Faculty Showcase](#) on November 2.
- UNC Global is sponsoring its annual ["Get-A-Passport Drive"](#) on November 6 and 7 from

The OUR Fall 2012 Workshop Series continues:

Writing a Grant Proposal

Cosponsored by the Writing Center and Campus Y

Wednesday, November 14, 2012; 5:00-6:30 p.m.; SASB-North Room 0127

Are you working on a funding proposal or considering submitting an abstract to a conference? Do you want to learn how to write a compelling grant and how to describe your research most effectively? Writing Center Director Kim Abels will help you think about framing your project for specific audiences and discuss the multiple strategies and approaches you might consider. Space is limited, so you must *RSVP* to Dr. Donna Bickford at dbickford@unc.edu.

Are you an undergraduate student working on issues related to Latin America and North Carolina? [World View: An International Program for Educators](#) at UNC at Chapel Hill seeks concurrent session presentation proposals for its annual Latin America and North Carolina Seminar on topics related, but not limited, to Latin America, Latinos living in NC, Latino identity, etc.

Please submit a word document with the following information:

1. Proposed presentation title
2. Description of how the session will be structured, i.e., PPT presentation, lecture, web-based resources, images, hands-on artifacts, group activities, etc. (50-150 words)
3. Summary of research, conclusions, and/or

10:00 to 3:00 in the FedEx Global Education Center. US Department of State officials will be present and you can also have your passport photos taken on site. More details about required materials and payment can be found at:

<http://global.unc.edu/passportdrive>.

- Apply for a Fall 2013 EPA [Greater Research Opportunities \(GRO\) Fellowships](#) For Undergraduate Environmental Study.

The CFE and ITS are pleased to present the 3rd Annual Faculty Showcase on November 2. Presentations by UNC faculty will address effective teaching with technology, flipping the classroom, tools to use for student engagement and other topics of interest. Register [here](#).

Fall 2013 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Undergraduate Environmental Study

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Center for Environmental Research (NCER), invites applications for the Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships for undergraduate environmentally-related study for bachelor's level students. Subject to availability of funding, the quality of applications received and other applicable considerations, the Agency plans to award approximately 40 new fellowships in the summer of 2013. The GRO program enhances and supports quality environmental education for undergraduates, and thereby encourages them to continue their education beyond the baccalaureate level, and pursue careers in environmentally-related fields, such as biology, health, the social sciences, and engineering. For more details, visit the [website](#). Application deadline: December 5, 2012.

point of view (300-500 words)

4. Additional comments that might assist us in review of your proposal, including relevance to the Seminar theme (maximum of 150 words)
5. Your faculty mentor for this research
6. Name(s) of any co-presenters
7. Presenter name, year of study, major, email address, and phone number

Proposals should be submitted by December 14, 2012. Please submit proposals and any questions via email to Katharine Robinson, Assistant Director for Curriculum, World View (krobinson@unc.edu).

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