



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:

- Read [Kandace Thomas's](#) mid-summer reflection on her research project.
- Alum [Walker Elliott](#) shares the importance of his undergraduate research experience and how it continues to inspire him.

GRC Blog:

- [Emily Roscoe](#) talks about helping students develop critical thinking and research skills in a First Year Seminar.

OUR People:

- The College of Arts and Sciences appoints [Distinguished Professors](#), including four in Research and Undergraduate Education: Dorit Bar-On, Beth Grabowski, Jacqueline Hagan, and Gary Pielak.
- Carolina Research Scholar Program Participant [Rachel Myrick](#) wins a Rhodes Scholarship.
- During her 2011 SURF experience, Chex Yu organized a [TedX conference in Chinese](#).

OUR News:

- Now available: our new [searchable database of GRC courses](#). Thanks to OUR staffer Vaughn Stewart for all his hard work on this project.
- Check out these [pictures](#) from our November 13 SURF Information Session.

Other Events and News:

- Abstract submission for the April 5-6, 2013 [Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) is now open and closes January 25, 2013.
- Are you an undergraduate student working on issues related to Latin America and North Carolina. [Worldview](#) is accepting proposals for seminar presentations until December 14, 2012.

OUR Events

Bringing Research to Scale in the Undergraduate Curriculum: Celebrating 10 years of Graduate Research Consultant Courses

Thursday, December 6, 2012

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

George Watts Hill Alumni Center

Are you interested in inquiry-based pedagogy and thinking about how to embed research experiences in your undergraduate courses? The OUR [Graduate Research Consultant](#) (GRC) program is a resource for you. This program funds a graduate student to work with you and your undergraduates throughout the semester to coach undergraduates during the research experience.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the GRC program, which has involved over 21,000 students in over 700 courses in all disciplines thus far. On Thursday, December 6, the [Office for Undergraduate Research](#) and the [Center for Faculty Excellence](#) will bring together faculty, GRCs and undergraduates to celebrate the successes of the program and to provide opportunities for faculty members who might want to adopt the approach in their own courses learn more. There will be café-style discussions during the first session, where you will have an opportunity to hear details about how research projects have been embedded in specific courses. Then there will be small facilitated brainstorming sessions where an experienced faculty member will help you consider how you might use a GRC in your courses. Finally, we'll come back together to close with a brief Lessons Learned/Next Steps discussion.

Please [register here](#) and take advantage of this occasion to talk with colleagues about innovative

SURF Information Session Pictures:



OUR Director Pat Pukkila talks to workshop attendees.



Former SURF recipients Jay Zhang, Mattis Hennings, and Marquis Peacock prepare to speak to the audience.

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pedagogy and inquiry-based learning.

SURF Information Session

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

5:30-7pm

*Frank Porter Graham Student Union
Room 3408*

Are you considering applying for a [Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#) this summer? Join us at our next information session and learn more about the program. You'll hear from former SURF recipients about their experiences and we'll also tell you about the support that is available to help you with your proposal.

Call for Presentation Proposals

[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 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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