



Information for Graduate Students

The [Office for Undergraduate Research](#) (OUR) knows that you can play a crucial role in helping undergraduates to engage in and access research experiences at UNC-CH. You can encourage undergraduates to explore their options to conduct independent mentored research, scholarship, and creative expression, connect undergraduates to potential faculty mentors, or serve as a co-mentor for an undergraduate project.

GRADUATE RESEARCH CONSULTANT (GRC) PROGRAM

OUR encourages instructors who want to incorporate inquiry-based learning into their classrooms. The GRC program was designed to assist faculty interested in embedding a research experience in one of their courses. The GRC is a graduate student selected by the faculty member, paid \$750 for approximately 30 hours of work throughout the semester, who coaches the students around their research project. GRCs don't teach or grade, but support the student researchers in whatever ways are appropriate for the discipline and the specific course. The GRC-supported courses are research-exposure courses, since the students are exposed to research in an academic discipline in a supported environment. GRCs are used in courses of all sizes and in all disciplines across the curriculum. If you are interested in serving as a GRC, complete the on-line GRC Interest Form. See <http://our.unc.edu/grads-post/grc/> for more information.

MENTORING UNDERGRADUATES

Many undergraduates benefit from the co-mentoring of graduate students, and many graduate students are interested in helping undergraduates develop their research skills and talents. In recognition of the unique role graduate students can play in mentoring undergraduates, OUR offers the opportunity to apply for the Graduate Student Mentor Award. Applications are considered three times a year. For more information, see <http://our.unc.edu/grads-post/mentoring-program/gsm/>.

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR RESEARCH

With the approval of your faculty advisor, graduate students are encouraged to post undergraduate research opportunities in the Database of Research Opportunities, and list themselves as the research supervisor. See <http://our.unc.edu/faculty/post-a-research-opportunity> for more information.

FOR YOUR UNDERGRADUATES

Make sure undergraduates you know are aware of important OUR resources, including:

- Carolina Research Scholar Program (CRSP): Students who successfully meet the 3 CRSP criteria will be recognized for their contributions to our research community with the Carolina Research Scholar designation on their transcript.
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURFs): OUR annually gives over 60 summer fellowships of \$3000 for undergraduates to pursue independent research projects.
- Conference Travel Funding: OUR gives monthly awards of up to \$500 to undergraduates who need funds to complete their research or to travel to a professional conference to present their research.
- Celebration of Undergraduate Research (CUR): This annual university-wide research symposium is an excellent opportunity for undergraduates to present their research findings in a poster session or panel presentation.

Information on these programs and more is available at <http://our.unc.edu/students/>.

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