



## BECOME A CAROLINA RESEARCH SCHOLAR

The Carolina Research Scholar Program (CRSP) fosters and expands engagement in undergraduate research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. CRSP builds an undergraduate community based on research, scholarship and inquiry-driven learning. CRSP also serves as a framework to guide students in navigating the process of designing and pursuing mentored research, scholarship or creative performance, communicating their discoveries and findings to the larger community, and sharing their experiences with others. CRSP participants who successfully meet the requirements are recognized for their contributions to UNC's intellectual and cultural climate with the "Carolina Research Scholar" transcript designation. All students are eligible to earn the CRSP recognition. The requirements for the Carolina Research Scholar designation are:

### STEP 1: Complete one multi-disciplinary course.

- Complete IDST 194 (formerly IDST 195): Modes of Inquiry class, a one-credit pass/fail course; OR IDST 184: Research beyond Academia, a one-credit pass/fail course.
- Complete one research-intensive course of at least 3 credit hours with a grade of C or higher in a department different from at least one of the research-intensive courses used to satisfy requirement #2; OR
- Complete one research-exposure course of at least 3 credit hours with a grade of C or higher in a department different from at least one of the research-intensive courses used to satisfy requirement #2.

### STEP 2: Complete at least 2 research-intensive courses, or 1 research methods course and 1 research-intensive course.

These courses must total at least 6 credit hours with a grade of C or higher. Research-intensive courses are undergraduate courses in which over half of the course is devoted to students conducting original research and presenting research conclusions. Research methods courses are courses devoted to teaching students the techniques and skills used to conduct research in a discipline. The OUR maintains a list of these research-intensive and research methods courses on our website and updates these lists yearly.

### STEP 3: Presentation of research. This requirement can be fulfilled in one of two ways:

- Present your research at a UNC-CH campus research symposium that is open to the public. Many students present at OUR's Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research. If you present in a different campus symposium, please consult the CRSP website to verify it meets the research symposium criteria and ask a faculty member in your department to send a confirmation; OR
- Present your research at a professional conference. For verification purposes, you must ask a faculty member in your department to send a statement to OUR confirming that the event was a professional conference or meeting and that you presented your research at the event.

**STEP 4:** Once you've completed the requirements, you must submit an application to earn the transcript designation. Deadlines for each semester can be found at <http://our.unc.edu/students/crsp>.

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