



Office of Undergraduate Research

Research Support for UWF Undergrads

Undergraduate Research... *Experience Your Major*

The Office of Undergraduate Research challenges you to take your educational experience to the next level. Research or creative activities are possible for every discipline and major.

Whether your goals after graduation are to join the workforce, attend graduate school, or do something else entirely, you will experience your major and set yourself apart through undergraduate research.

OUR Project Awards

Project awards provide funds (up to \$500) for undergraduate research students to purchase materials and supplies or fund other costs associated with conducting research under the guidance of a UWF faculty mentor (i.e., chemicals, equipment, gas to get to museum or field site, make photocopies, print a research poster). **Three award cycles each academic year.**

OUR Travel Awards

Virtual travel awards fund undergraduate research students to present research findings at a virtual professional conference. Awards can be used for conference registration, abstract submission fees, etc. **Applications are accepted anytime but must apply at least 45 days before travel.**

OUR Works! Program

Open exclusively for eligible federal work-study students, these assistantships offer up to twelve hours of paid research experience a week. The OUR Works! program aims to introduce students to research and scholarly activities while providing opportunities for professional development and one-on-one faculty mentorship. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until full.**

Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP)

SURP allows students to fully invest in the research experience for the summer semester. Students are expected to work ~17 hrs./week on their research project and are paid an hourly wage (up to \$2,500 total). SURP students can also request up to \$500 for materials and supplies related to their research projects. **Applications due the Friday before Spring Break each year.**

OUR Transcript Notation

UWF students who have engaged in an undergraduate research project can be formally recognized for their efforts on their **official UWF transcript**.

OUR Explorers Program

OUR Explorers is for students with no previous research experience. This program is intended to spark interest in research and creative activities in inexperienced undergraduate students, and preference will be given to first- and second-year students. Explorers will attend professional development workshops and shadow multiple faculty members through their research activities. **Applications due in October each year for a spring program.**

OUR Student Transfers and Research (STAR) Program

For motivated incoming transfer students to engage in research with an assigned faculty mentor from their discipline or interested field during their first academic year at UWF.

OUR First-year Research Experience (FYRE) Program

Students with little to no research experience begin working with an assigned faculty research mentor for their first academic year. Open to incoming Pace Presidential Scholarship recipients and National Merit finalists and recipients. Will be invited by OUR.

Other Services and Programs:

- Annual UWF Student Scholars Symposium and Faculty Research Showcase
- Access to the UWF Research Opportunities Database
- Annual National Council on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) Conference
- Attend OUR professional development workshops
- Assistance finding and applying for external and internal research opportunities and funding

For more information, visit us online at uwf.edu/our or email us at our@uwf.edu.

