See You Next Quarter!

We hope that everybody is ready for a great winter break! Here at the Undergraduate Research Center we hope you get some time for relaxation, but also look forward to a new quarter with new workshops and seminars to help students looking for a research experience, as well as getting ready for our annual research conference!

Upcoming Events for Winter Quarter!

How to Get Involved with Research Workshops
In this workshop you can learn the skills to approach a professor about a research opportunity!
Thursday, 1/18/18, 3:10-4pm in Meeting Room D
Tuesday, 1/30/18, 1:10-2pm in Meeting Room D

How to Write an Abstract Workshops
Discover the simple strategies to writing a cohesive abstract for the URC!
Tuesday 1/30/18, 12:10-1pm, Meeting Room D
Wednesday 1/31/18, 3:10-4pm, Meeting Room D
Thursday 2/1/18, 4:10-5pm, Meeting Room D

Speaker Series: Breaking Barriers
Come hear speaker, Dr. Talithia Williams talk about her research experience!
“No Longer Hidden Figures: Encouraging Diverse Mathematical Talent” Monday 2/5/18, 4:10-5pm, MPR in SCC

Undergraduate Research Conference Info Session
Come learn important details about the URC Conference!
Wednesday 1/17/18, 1:10-2pm, Meeting Room D
Friday 2/2/18, 12:10-1pm, Meeting Room D
Friday 2/9/18, 12:10-1pm, Meeting Room D
**Reminders!**

Presenter registration for the 29th Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference opens **Monday, January 8th 2018**. The UC Davis 28th Annual Conference had more presenters and attendees than ever! Over 700 undergraduates across all majors and disciplines presented poster presentations, oral presentations and art and creative activity exhibits! Get more information [here](#)!

The Undergraduate Travel Award application for Winter Quarter is due **February 5th 2018 by 5:00pm**. Each quarter the Undergraduate Research Center accepts applications for undergraduate travel to undergraduate research conferences and meetings of nationally and internationally recognized professional societies to present their research. You can access more information and the application [here](#)!

**A Success! First Ever UC Davis “One Health Symposium”**

On November 4, 2017, for the first time, the UC Davis One Health Symposium included a showcase of undergraduate research, service, and scholarship. The symposium is a marquee event of the UC Davis One Health Institute (OHI) and Students for One Health, a student organization in the School of Veterinary Medicine. This year’s event took place at the UC Davis International Center. The symposium brought together undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, faculty members, nonprofit professionals, and government officials.

Eighteen UC Davis undergraduates from 14 different majors presented during a networking session following a full day of speakers and panels. The posters explored issues in political activism, sociology, healthcare, infectious disease, ecology, genetics, climate change, and water resources. Students spent over an hour talking with the symposium attendees. There was no downtime at any poster—students had guests clamoring to hear about their research.

The undergraduate research showcase was organized by Benjamin Plourde, a program coordinator at the Undergraduate Research Center with support from Students for One Health, the One Health Institute, the Women’s Resources and Research Center, and the Graduate Student Association. Special thanks go out to Risa Pesapane, Tammy Hoyer, Dee Clark, Matt Blake, Eunah Cho, EB McKibben, and Genna Tang for help organizing the event.

**Undergraduate Student Presenters:**

- Kirsten Leal, Biological Sciences – Advised by Annie King.
- Kalee Christensen, Cell Biology – Advised by Annie King.
- Gabriella Schulz, Animal Science – Advised by Annie King.
- Jacqueline Carranza, Spanish – Advised by Diana Cassidy.
- Zaira Joaquin-Morales, Environmental Science and Management – Advised by Samuel Sandoval Solis.
- Clare Mosko, Biological Sciences – Advised by Sarah Lawrence.
- Connor Grant, NPB – Advised by Sarah Lawrence.
- Joaquin Meckler, Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology – Advised by Jennifer Gremer.
- Shailee Vishnubhatt, Psychology – Advised by Tara Niendam.
- Mario d’Andrea, Physics – Advised by Richard Scalettar.
- David Jaffe, Biological Sciences – Advised by Bruno Chomel.
- Robert Jimenez, Biotechnology – Advised by Amir Kol.
- Daniel Moher, Environmental Toxicology – Knights Landing One Health Clinic.
- Tiffany Jow, NPB – Knights Landing One Health Clinic.
- Emily Nguyen, Global Disease Biology – Knights Landing One Health Clinic.
- Amanullah Zadran, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – Advised by Gerald Kost.
Fixing Misconceptions!

Research has to be done within my major department, so I am out of options.
Not true! Research can be done for any department and still count for credits. Many areas of research have overlapping subject interests. Do not be afraid to branch out!

I have to know everything about my lab and the way it functions before entering the lab.
It is good to be familiar with what is happening in the lab, but you do not need to be a master! Do a little independent resourcing to get comfortable with some terminology and materials, but do not stress over understanding every single detail. Remember, you are there to learn!

It is too late in my academic career for me to get involved in research.
Research comes in various forms, from handling data to being one-on-one with a participant, to handling chemicals! A lot can count as research experience, and will help you grow your skillset!

I am not an experienced enough researcher to present at the URConference, so I should not apply.
Everyone has to start somewhere! The URC will work with you to make sure you have the materials and guidance you need to feel comfortable. It is a great opportunity to get experience now in presenting your work. It also looks great on future applications and resumes!

Only STEM subjects present at the conference — it is not something for those in the humanities.
Not so! Every major is welcome to submit an abstract for the conference. In the past students from all areas have presented, from foreign languages to communications to mathematics to art history! All research is applicable to be accepted for the conference regardless of the major it originates from. There are multiple ways to present including poster sessions, oral presentations, and art/design exhibits! Take a look at our last year’s Abstract Book to get an idea of what kind of research is out there!

Contact Us!

If you’re interested in scheduling a one-on-one appointment or have an interesting story or tip about research to share for our issues, please contact Gabby or Meghal:

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