



## URConnections

From your Undergraduate Research Center Peer Advisors

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Welcome to spring quarter Aggies! We hope you had a great break and are back and ready for a quarter of opportunity. Remember to check out this year's [29th Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference](#) on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>! More details are on the next page!

## Upcoming Helpful Workshops!

### How to Get Involved in Research

Thursday, April 5, 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Wednesday, May 2, 12:10-1:00 p.m.

Meeting Room D in the SCC

### How to Make an Effective Research Poster

Thursday, April 5, 4:10-5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 6, 12:10-1:00 p.m.

Meeting Room D in the SCC

### How to Give a Professional Talk

Monday, April 9, 4:10-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10, 12:10-1:00 p.m.

Meeting Room D in the SCC

### Fueling Your Future at UC Davis and Beyond: Perspectives for International Students

Wednesday, April 11, 5:10-6:00 p.m.

Meeting Room D in the SCC

### Provost's Undergraduate Fellowship (PUF) Info Sessions

Tuesday, April 3, 4:10-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4, 12:10-1:00 p.m.

Undergraduate Research Center Conference  
Room, 2300 SCC

See more details about this award and others in the  
next pages or on our website here!

<http://urc.ucdavis.edu/awards/puf/index.html>

# 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference

**POSTER SESSIONS**  
Friday, April 27, 2018  
3:00 - 6:00 pm  
ARC PAVILION

**ARTS & DESIGN EXHIBIT**  
Friday, April 27, 2018  
3:00 - 6:00 pm  
ARC PAVILION

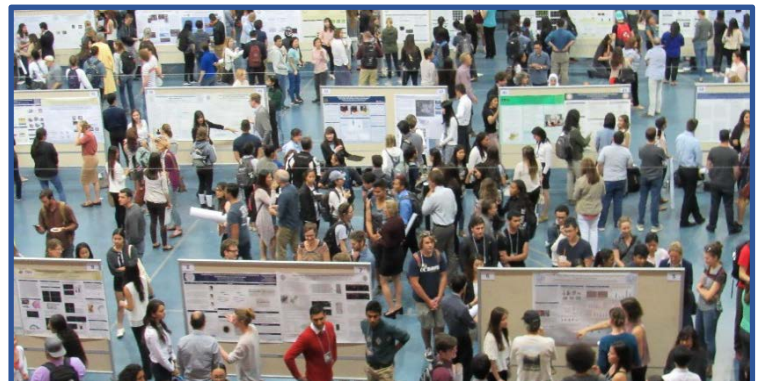
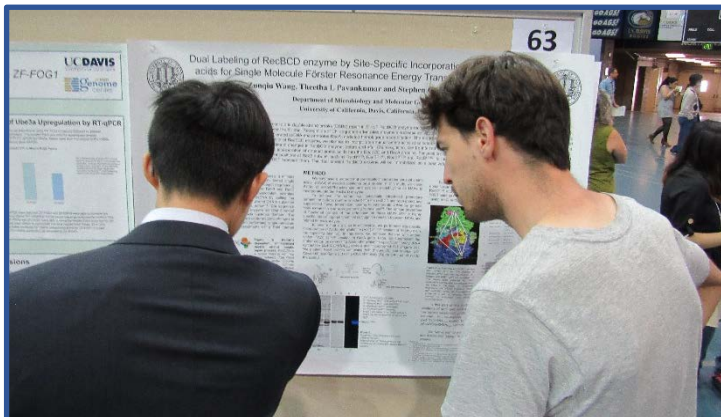
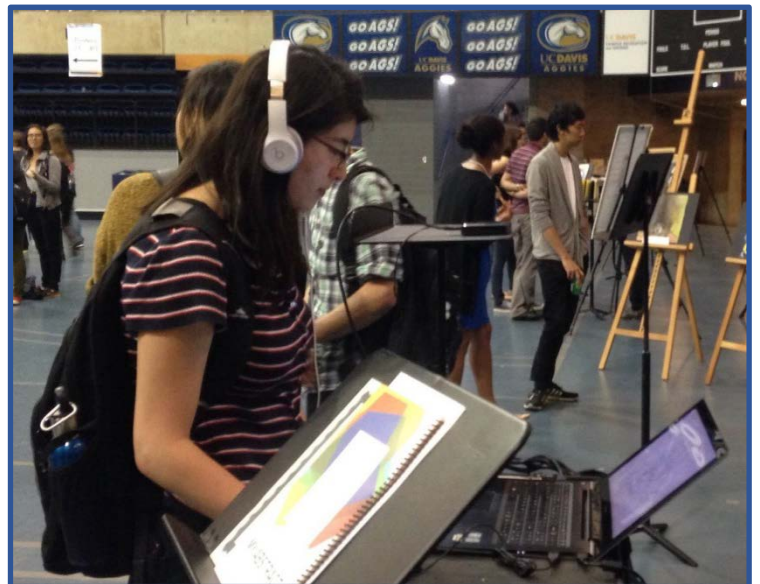
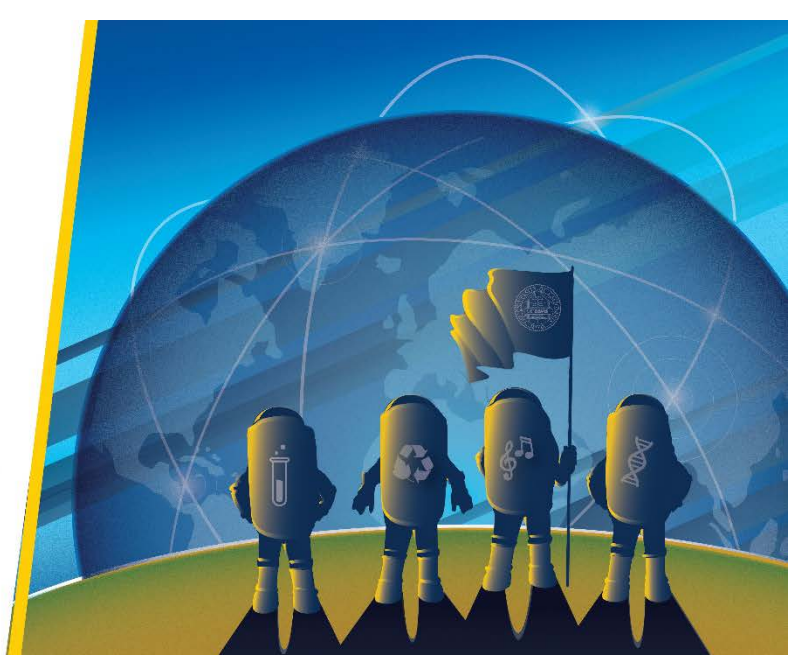
**ORAL SESSIONS**  
Saturday, April 28, 2018  
1:00 - 4:30 pm  
WELLMAN HALL

## Plan to Attend

No Registration Necessary – Free and Open to the Public.

[urc.ucdavis.edu](http://urc.ucdavis.edu)

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Undergraduate Education, Student Affairs, University Library



# Research Award Opportunities!

## **Norma J. Lang Prize**

The Norma J. Lang Prize for Undergraduate Information Research recognizes undergraduate students whose research projects make extensive use of UC Davis Library resources, services and expertise and advance the students' understanding of the academic research process. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded every year in these disciplines: arts, humanities & social sciences and science, engineering & math. Applications are due by **Monday, April 9, 2018 at 11:00pm**.

For more information see the Norma J. Lang Prize website here: <https://www.library.ucdavis.edu/lang-prize/>

## **Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research (Dean Keith Simonton Prize)**

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research, coupled with the Dean Keith Simonton Prize, is an annual award instituted in 1994. The award recognizes outstanding undergraduate students for their research, scholarship or creative activity tied to any academic subject and performed while at UC Davis. Each year up to two graduating seniors who have completed outstanding research, scholarship or creative activity tied to any academic subject while at UC Davis are awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. The award will be announced and a special plaque and \$500 will be awarded at the Chancellor's Award Reception in June.

Applications are due by **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 5:00pm**.

For more information check out the website here:

[http://urc.ucdavis.edu/awards/chancellors\\_award/student\\_award.html](http://urc.ucdavis.edu/awards/chancellors_award/student_award.html)

## **Undergraduate Travel Awards**

The Undergraduate Research Center administers undergraduate travel awards for up to \$500 to students who travel to present at undergraduate research conferences and meetings of regionally or internationally recognized professional societies (or discipline specific equivalent—e.g. performance at nationally recognized festivals) to present their research.

Applications are due by **Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:00pm**.

For more information check out the website: [http://urc.ucdavis.edu/awards/travel\\_awards/index.html](http://urc.ucdavis.edu/awards/travel_awards/index.html)

## **Provost's Undergraduate Fellowship (PUF)**

The Provost's Undergraduate Fellowship (PUF) supports undergraduate students doing research or creative projects under the guidance of UC Davis faculty members. Students from all discipline areas are eligible to apply. Past projects have involved laboratory research, field studies, survey research, film production, design and creation of art elements, music composition, fine arts performances, travel to library or research collections, and many other endeavors. Group projects are not appropriate, however, separate (but linked) projects may be considered. The maximum award is \$1,800 toward approved costs directly related to the project.

Applications (for projects carried out in Summer/Fall 2018) are due by **Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:00pm**.

For more information check out the website: <http://urc.ucdavis.edu/awards/puf/index.html>



## Coffee with Carolyn!

Come and meet the [Vice Provost & Dean of Undergraduate Education!](#) Carolyn Thomas invites you to her CoHo office hours at the Memorial Union Coffee House on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m.

*"Do you have ideas about how to improve your academic experience, or questions about how the university works? Come to Coffee with Carolyn!"*

## Fixing Misconceptions!

**As a transfer student, there are fewer opportunities for me compared to students who started here as freshmen.**

Not so! Four year students do have the perks of taking UC Davis classes with specific UC Davis faculty, but this is not to say that transfer students are unable to find opportunities. It just takes some planning and courage to reach out!

**Faculty only want to take on students who have had prior experience, they will not take someone who does not already have research experience.**

Not true! Many research positions are offered with the intention to help you learn more about your potential field and become more comfortable with the research of those subjects. While it may be important to complete any preparatory work or classes recommended beforehand, you are not expected to be an expert!

**I am planning on just getting a job after my time here at UC Davis, research is not for me.**

Not so! Research looks great on any resume and application, whether you are looking to go onto further schooling or into the workforce. The benefits of research go far beyond looking good on applications!

## 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 Banathy:

**Phone:** (530) 752-3390

**Email:** [urc@ucdavis.edu](mailto:urc@ucdavis.edu)

**Location:** 2300 Student Community Center, 2nd Floor

**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Website:** [urc.ucdavis.edu](http://urc.ucdavis.edu)

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