



Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity
Michigan State University

Hello Undergraduate,

As the fall semester comes to a close, we hope that the Thanksgiving break gave you the energy for a strong finish. Opportunities in undergraduate research and creative activity remain available now and into the spring semester. Please read and share the following information and updates with your undergraduate students.



Diversity Research Showcase 2025: Call for Proposals

The **8th Annual Diversity Research Showcase (DRS)** will take place on Friday, January 24, 2025 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. ET in the MSU Union and online January 21-24. Submissions are welcome from all MSU undergraduate students! **Registration is due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Tuesday, December 17.**

[DRS Registration Form](#)

Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award



Nominate your favorite mentor for the Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award! Recognize those who have shown outstanding commitment to mentoring you as an undergraduate researcher. **Nominations are due on January 12, 2025.**

[Nomination Form](#)

LOOKING FOR 
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES?

Now is the time to apply for a summer research experience! Numerous opportunities are available across the country in research and creative fields. Deadlines vary, so don't delay! Need a little help navigating all the options? Come to one of our [workshops](#) or schedule an [appointment](#).

[Summer Research Opportunities](#)

STUDENT RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Jaida Gouldbourne

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Meet Jaida Gouldbourne

Jaida is a first-generation college student studying Criminal Justice with a minor in Peace and Justice Studies. Her undergraduate research focuses on the history of the Atlantic slave trade.

[Read more here](#)



Interested in research but don't know where to start? The [Pathway to Research Program](#) can help!

- Free 4-week program
- 1-on-1 peer advising
- Choose a Jan. 21 or Feb. 17 start date

January Cohort
Registration: due Jan. 10

February Cohort
Registration: due Feb. 7

WORKSHOPS

Attend our workshops to learn about and find undergraduate research and creative inquiry opportunities as an undergraduate student.

January Workshops

- Panel Discussion with Grad Students, Jan. 22
- Intro to Undergrad Research, Jan. 23
- Summer Opportunities, Jan. 27
- Finding Opportunities, Jan. 30

Register for Workshops



Feature your undergraduate research and creative activity here! **Students, complete this survey** to share your story. **Faculty/staff, nominate** an undergraduate researcher to be featured.



National Conference on Undergraduate Research abstract submissions are open through Friday, December 6. Poster, oral, performance, visual art, and film presentations are accepted. Please list [Heather Dover](#) as the Campus Coordinator.

NCUR 2025 Submissions



COUNCIL ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Council on Undergraduate Research Divisions offer travel awards for undergraduate students presenting at conferences throughout the year.

Open Travel Award Applications

- **Physics and Astronomy**, due Wednesday, January 15
- **Trimmer Award** for arts & humanities, due Friday, January 17

UURAF Registration January 13 - February 12, 2025



Save a spot in your preferred category and modality!

[UURAF 2025 Information](#)



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