



# UR @ MSU

Hello,

As the spring semester begins, we hope that the winter break gave you time to relax and prepare for another great year. Opportunities in undergraduate research and creative activity are available now and throughout the year. Please read and share the following information and updates with your undergraduate students.

## University Undergraduate Research & Arts Forum

April 17, 2026

### UURAF Registration open until February 12, 2026

Save a spot in your preferred category and modality! Draft abstracts and in-progress projects accepted. Late Registration begins February 16<sup>th</sup>

[UURAF 2026 Information](#)

#### WORKSHOPS

Find an opportunity to learn about undergraduate research and creative inquiry opportunities as an undergraduate student.

#### Upcoming Workshops

- Intro to UURAF, Jan. 16
- Managing UR Time, Jan. 23
- Summer Research Opportunities, Jan. 27
- Writing Abstracts, Jan. 28



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

- Free 4-week program
- In-person and asynchronous options available
- 1-on-1 peer advising
- Program runs Feb. 2-23, regardless of format
- **Register by January 18**

[In-Person Cohort Registration](#)

[Asynchronous Cohort Registration](#)



Connect 1:1 with a **peer Undergraduate Research Ambassador** to learn more about engaging in undergraduate research.

Learn more and  
view our other  
workshops

Book an  
appointment



## Deadline Extended to February 1!

**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 February 1, 2026.**

[Submit your Nomination](#)

## We are hiring!



### UR 2026-2027 Ambassadors

**Gain valuable mentoring experience!** Undergraduate Research Ambassadors are **current undergraduate students who engage in research or creative activity** in any discipline across campus, including the arts, humanities, and STEM. Ambassadors **facilitate workshops, assist at UURAF, and represent the Undergraduate Research Office** at events and



### UR Communications Coordinator

Are you creative, curious, and passionate about storytelling? Do you enjoy social media, design, or capturing campus life?

Help the Office of Undergraduate Research tell our story!

**Applications open through January 23.**

programs throughout the academic year.

Applications open through March 8.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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Ready to embark on a new adventure in undergraduate research and creative activity? Check out these [Research Abroad](#) opportunities and apply for the [scholarship](#) by Saturday, February 15.



## Travel Awards

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

### Open Applications

- [Biology Division](#), due Friday, February 13

[Learn More](#)



## Want your research featured?

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.

**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](#)



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