The Office for Undergraduate Research (OUR) knows that you can play a crucial role in helping undergraduates to engage in the University’s research mission. In addition to serving as a mentor for an undergraduate project you can also encourage undergraduates to explore their options for original work and help to connect undergraduates to faculty whom they might not otherwise know.

**MENTORING UNDERGRADUATES**
To encourage postdoc mentoring of undergraduate research projects, OUR offers Postdoctoral Scholar Awards for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduates. This award formally recognizes the mentoring accomplishments of postdocs who help to promote a vibrant, multifaceted research community at Carolina.

[www.unc.edu/depts/our/grads_post/grads_mentor.html](http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/grads_post/grads_mentor.html)

**UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR RESEARCH**
Postdocs are encouraged to post undergraduate research opportunities in the Database of Research Opportunities, and list themselves as the research supervisor (with approval from the faculty advisor).

[www.unc.edu/depts/our/for_grads_postdocs.html](http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/for_grads_postdocs.html)

**GRADUATE RESEARCH CONSULTANT PROGRAM**
OUR encourages and supports instructors who want to transform course projects or assignments into research projects. So that faculty can develop, guide, and evaluate the research component, we compensate advanced graduate students or postdocs (Graduate Research Consultants or GRCs) to work with the instructor and the students during the concentrated period of the course when the students are planning, carrying out and communicating their research. Postdocs are invited to fill out the GRC Interest Form.

[www.unc.edu/depts/our/grads_post/grads_grc.html](http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/grads_post/grads_grc.html)

**FOR YOUR UNDERGRADUATES**
Information on the following programs and more is available at:

[www.unc.edu/depts/our/for_students.html](http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/for_students.html)

- **Carolina Research Scholar Program (CRSP):** Students who successfully meet the 3 CRSP criteria will be recognized for their contribution with the Carolina Research Scholar designation on their transcript.
- **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURFs):** OUR annually gives over 60 summer fellowships of $3000 for undergraduates to pursue independent research projects.
- **Research Support and Travel Funding:** OUR gives monthly awards of up to $750 to undergraduates who need funds to complete their research or to travel to a professional conference to present their research.