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OUR News and Events

OUR Blog:

- Read [Layla Quran's blog](#) about her SURF research on the arts in Palestine this past summer.
- [Beth Knight](#) describes the role of mentors.

GRC Blog:

- [Alex Ruble](#) discusses student research in European gender history in a research-exposure First Year Seminar.

OUR News:

- The Celebration of Undergraduate Research is April 15, 2013. Submit your [abstract](#) to share your research with the campus community.

Other Events and News:

- Learn more about [National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates \(REU\)](#).
- Apply to present at the [Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) on April 5-6, 2013. The deadline to apply has been extended to January 28, 2013.
- Apply to present at the 8th [Annual ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference](#) at Wake Forest University. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2013.
- [Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs](#) is accepting applications for the [McNair Scholar](#) program. The deadline is February 8, 2013.
- [VIMY Global Team Award](#): If you are part of an *interdisciplinary team of students working on a summer research project outside the U.S., apply for a VIMY Global Team Award*. The deadline is February 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

OUR Events

SURF Information Session

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

5:30-7pm

*Frank Porter Graham Student Union
Room 3408*

Are you considering applying for a [Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#) this summer? Join us at our next information session and learn more about the program. You'll hear from former SURF recipients about their experiences and we'll also tell you about the support that is available to help you with your proposal.

Also, if you're applying for a SURF and wish to work with a peer writing advisor, complete the [request form](#).

Research Methodologies in the Arts: A Roundtable for Undergraduates

Thursday, January 31, 2013

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Location: Graham Memorial 039

What does research look like in the Arts? How do scholars conduct research in these disciplines? Are you interested in Art, Music, or Dramatic Art but wondering how you would develop a research project in your area of interest? Join us for this roundtable and explore the answers to your questions.

[Adam Versényi](#) (Dramatic Art), [Anne MacNeil](#) (Music) and [Beth Grabowski](#) (Art) will discuss the research methodologies and approaches in their fields, describe undergraduate research projects conducted by Carolina students, and provide advice and guidance for undertaking research in the Arts.

You'll also have an opportunity to ask your own questions and engage in conversation with the panelists.

Please register by emailing Dr. Donna Bickford, Associate Director in the Office for Undergraduate

Dr. Alan Wilson, Global Research Institute Fellow at UNC and a leader of an REU program at Auburn University (Alabama), will be holding a general information session about National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs on January 29th at 5:00pm in Genomics G200. He will discuss REU programs, including their benefits to undergraduate students, and then allow time to answer questions. This is a great opportunity to learn more about research programs that uniquely enrich your undergraduate training and are a great advantage to students who will be applying to graduate school and establishing a career after graduation.

The REU program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specifically designed for the REU program. To identify appropriate REU Sites, students should consult the [directory of active REU Sites](#). Undergraduate student participants in either REU Sites or REU Supplements must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents of the United States. For more information about the REU information session, please contact Alan at wilson@unc.edu or 334-246-1120.

The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program offers UNC-CH rising juniors who are first-generation and low-income or underrepresented in graduate school the opportunity to be competitive applicants for Ph.D. programs and to become the next great scholars of our nation. The program builds scholars' skills and knowledge of academia to ensure their matriculation into the doctoral program of their choice.

The overall focus of the program is to introduce scholars to the joy and rigor of research and scholarship. The program provides an encouraging and supportive culture that will assist scholars through their journey. Specifically, the program offers:

- \$5,000 stipend for research and graduate preparation
- Eight week, paid summer research

Research, at dbickford@unc.edu.

Research Ethics and You

February 7, 2013

12:30-1:45 p.m.

Hyde Hall Incubator Room

Join the Parr Center for Ethics and the Office for Undergraduate Research for a discussion about research ethics. Dr. Jan Boxill, Director of the Parr Center and Chair of the Faculty, will provide an overview of research issues and ethics and Tim Kuhn, Training Coordinator in the Office of Human Research Ethics will discuss IRB processes and requirements. There will be an opportunity to discuss examples of current ethical problem in research. The presentations will be followed by Q&A and discussion. Lunch will be provided; [registration is required](#).

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- National travel funding to present research

If you have dreamed about earning a Ph.D., this program is for you! Please call or email with any questions. The deadline to [apply](#) is February 8th. Please check out our [website](#) to learn more about the program and feel free to call, email, or stop by the office with questions.

