



The [Office for Undergraduate Research](#) newsletter is published bi-weekly to share news about undergraduate research at UNC, relevant events, accomplishments of our students and faculty, and more. For additional information, please visit our website at

www.unc.edu/depts/our or email us at our@unc.edu.

February 7, 2013

OUR News and Events

OUR Blog:

- [Ellie Boote](#) tells you about library resources that support undergraduate research.
- [Sarah Arnold](#) talks about being an HHMI-FT mentor.

GRC Blog:

- [Patrick Horn](#) discusses the value of choosing a GRC from a discipline other than your own.
- [Keenan Jenkins](#) informs undergraduates about the importance of conference attendance and participation.

OUR News:

- The deadline for [Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships](#) is February 28, 2013.
- If you are an undergraduate with substantial research experience, consider applying to serve as an [OUR Ambassador](#).
- The [Celebration of Undergraduate Research](#) is April 15, 2013. Submit your [abstract](#) to share your research with the campus community; deadline for submission is March 25, 2013.

OUR People:

- Meet our new student staff member, [Mollie McNeill](#).

Other Events and News:

- [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

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](#).



Attendees at January 29 SURF information session

Meet Mollie McNeill:

My name is Mollie McNeill and I am a sophomore global studies major with a concentration in Latin America and a minor in archaeology. I have just begun my role as office assistant at Office of



Undergraduate Research and I am excited to start spreading the word about our fantastic research opportunities. The help offered at OUR allows students to sharpen research skills, work with awesome professors and foster new academic interests. My personal undergraduate research about the Kardashians has proven to be one of my greatest learning experiences here at Chapel Hill. Also, the ability to research reality television is a testament to the flexibility of undergraduate research. When I am not working at the OUR, I am a docent for the [Lower Cape Fear Historical Society](#) and a member of the UNC Greek community.

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.



Professors Grabowski, MacNeil and Versenyi with OUR Associate Director Donna Bickford at the January 31 workshop on research methodologies in the arts

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Where will your curiosity lead you?

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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
- Faculty Mentorship
- Free GRE preparation
- Individual and group advising
- Full assistance in applying to graduate school
- Graduate School Fee Waivers
- 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.



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