



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.

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OUR News and Events

OUR Blog:

- OUR Ambassador Patrick Short shares his experience [attending a scientific meeting](#).

GRC Blog:

- Rob Galantucci assists students with [empirical research in an International Political Economy course](#).

OUR News:

- Due to the renumbering of courses in the College of Arts and Sciences, our [Modes of Inquiry course](#), currently IDST195, has been renumbered as IDST194.
- Faculty, do you have a summer research position? Please consider posting it on [the Database of Research Opportunities](#).

OUR People:

- Read OUR Ambassador Kelly Speare's letter to the editor in the Daily Tar Heel as she [encourages involvement in undergraduate research](#).
- OUR Ambassador Jay Zhang discusses the power of discovery in [this video](#) created by UNC's Office of Research Communications.
- Congratulations to OUR Ambassador Patrick Short, who has been awarded a [2013 Goldwater scholarship](#)
- Congratulations to OUR Liaisons Maya Nadimpalli and Alison Sanders who received [2013 Impact awards](#).
- OUR Associate Director Donna Bickford is part of the campus conversation about [alternative academic careers](#).
- Congratulations and warm thanks to our graduating [OUR Ambassadors](#): Mattis Hennings, Darrius Jones, Miranda McNear, Sarbajeet Nagdas and Kelly Speare.

OUR Events

Celebration:

- The [Celebration of Undergraduate Research](#) was held on Monday, April 15, 2013. Check out some pictures from the event below.
- If you attended or presented at the Celebration, please take our [brief survey](#). We appreciate your feedback.
- Governor McCrory issued a [proclamation](#) noting the importance of undergraduate research and observing Undergraduate Research Week.



Attendees at the poster session

Other Events and News:

- Please take a few minutes to complete the [Student Experience in the Research University survey](#).
- The [Carolina Center for Genome Sciences](#) is hosting their Spring Symposium “From Genome to Proteome: Proteomic Innovations and Technologies” on May 12. Lunch and Breakfast are provided for [registrants](#).
- Undergraduate researchers can submit their work for consideration for publication in [Explorations](#) or [the International Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities](#).
- The Office for Postdoctoral Affairs is accepting applications for [Postdoctoral Awards for Research Excellence](#).
- Check out these [pictures](#) from [SOULCON](#), the English/Comparative Literature undergraduate research conference which was held on April 12.

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to accept applications this spring for [Postdoctoral Awards for Research Excellence](#). The awards, open to postdocs in all disciplines, are designed to recognize research potential and to assist scholars with professional development needs, such as conference travel, written materials, skills workshops, or other activities that directly enhance the individual’s professional development. The awards can fund up to \$1000 in professional endeavors and must be expended between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014. The application deadline date is Friday, May 24, 2013.

[EXPLORATIONS](#) is a hard copy undergraduate research and creativity journal open to students at North Carolina colleges and universities. Submissions should be no more than 6000 words of text (not counting figures, tables, title, abstract and references). The deadline for submissions is June 1; see [submission instructions](#) for more details.



Maite Ghazaleh talks about ocean acidification during her platform talk



Herodes Guzman shares his research in Chemistry

SOULCON



Taylor Dodge presents her research on "Using American History: The Revolutionary War Novels of James Fenimore Cooper and Catharine Maria Sedgwick"

Dr. Hilary Lithgow moderates the Q&A Session



OUR Founding Director Pat Pukkila at her retirement reception

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment encourages you to take the [Student Experience in the Research University \(SERU\) survey](#), to help to shape the future of Carolina.

SERU is a powerful way for you to share with the Carolina community especially the leaders about your experiences as an undergraduate. The questions cover a range of topics, from your relationship with your professors to the learning experiences you've had and your perceptions of the campus environment. What you have to say will inform many decisions that will be made about the future of this great University. ---Participants can win one of four Apple iPad minis and/or one of 80 Amazon.com e-gift cards.

---The survey takes about 20 minutes.

---Your responses are confidential.

---Take the SERU on your laptop or desktop computer. It does not work well on a mobile device.

Please complete by April 30, 2013 to make sure your voice is heard.

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