Programs to Support Undergraduate Research, Mentored Scholarship and Creative Performance at UNC-CH

**Support for departments and curricula:**

- Distinguished Term Professorships in Research and Undergraduate Education: Four professors representing each of the divisions in the College of Arts & Sciences, will be appointed to acknowledge their accomplishments and to support departments and curricula in sustaining and expanding their undergraduate research programs.

- Carolina Research Scholar Program (CRSP): The goal of CRSP is to foster and expand undergraduate research at UNC. Participants in CRSP who successfully meet the Program’s requirements will be recognized with a designation on their transcript appropriately termed Carolina Research Scholar. The criteria for the CRSP recognition include the varied and important ways in which students may contribute to undergraduate research at UNC. These criteria also serve as a framework by which students can navigate the process of designing and pursuing mentored research, scholarship or creative performance in an area of interest, communicate their discoveries and findings to the larger community, and share their experiences and offer advice to future scholars.

- Research Tracks for majors: OUR offers curriculum planning consultations to departments and curricula wishing to develop a sequence of courses that will introduce students to solvable problems, allow them to explore modes of inquiry and investigation, and enable students to undertake original projects.

- Database listing of courses: The OUR website lists courses by department that teach research methodology and/or offer undergraduates a significant original research experience through research-intensive courses.

- Undergraduate Research and the EE Requirement: OUR offers consultations to assist with the development of undergraduate research courses and internships that meet the criteria for the Experiential Education (EE) requirement.

**Support for faculty and graduate instructors:**

- Graduate Research Consultant (GRC) Program: For faculty wishing to integrate a research component into an undergraduate course, OUR will compensate an advanced graduate student 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.

- Programs to encourage students to extend their learning: OUR offers opportunities including individual research fellowships and mentored research experiences, the Annual Symposium, database listings of undergraduate research journals and research placements, and funding for presentations at conferences.

- Undergraduate assistance for your research: OUR maintains an active website database where you may list your project and specific needs for undergraduate assistance.
Support for graduate students and postdocs:

- Graduate Student and Postdoc Mentoring Program: OUR sponsors workshops on mentoring and maintains a database where you may advertise an undergraduate research position.

- Graduate Student Mentor Compensation: OUR funds graduate students who wish to serve as mentors for undergraduate research projects.

- Graduate Research Consultant (GRC) Program: OUR funds advanced graduate students to collaborate with individual instructors on the research component of an undergraduate course. The GRC works for a concentrated period of time with students on their research questions, methodology and communicating their findings.

Support for undergraduate students:

- 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. Criteria include taking 2 research intensive courses, IDST 195 (formerly SPCL 390.10): Modes of Inquiry course and presenting their original research at a UNC campus symposium.

- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF): OUR funds over 60 summer research fellowships each year.

- Mentored research experiences: OUR promotes and supports mentored research experiences during the academic year.

- Modes of Inquiry course IDST 195 (formerly SPCL 390.10): This one credit course introduces students to research methods across the disciplines and offers students an interdisciplinary perspective of research through first hand accounts by UNC-Chapel Hill professors.

- Undergraduate Research Presentations: OUR sponsors the Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research Symposium, the statewide Research in the Capital event, and other opportunities for undergraduates to present their research at national and international conferences.

- Website databases: OUR maintains a number of useful databases including (1) journals that publish undergraduate research; (2) listing of faculty research projects with opportunities for interested undergraduates in arts & humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences; and (3) descriptions of research projects carried out by undergraduates.

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