

**DISCOVERY** A monthly newsletter from the Office of Undergraduate Research, a unit of the Office of Research and Engagement

**URSA Elections** Are you interested in UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION becoming more involved with undergraduate research

at UT? The Undergraduate Research Students' Association (URSA) at UT is seeking new members for its Executive Board. URSA works to build a culture of research at UT and coordinates the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. 1. Go to VOLink at <a href="https://utk.campuslabs.com/engage/">https://utk.campuslabs.com/engage/</a> and request to join URSA.

2. Submit a paragraph of no more than 250 words explaining your interest and qualifications to <u>undresearchutk@gmail.com</u>. (These will be available to members to review before voting.) 3. The Deadline to apply is 11:59 PM on December 2. If you're not ready to be on the board, you can still join URSA by following step 1.



Oak Ridge National Laboratory and NSF REU Summer **Opportunities Session** 

Are you interested in a summer research opportunities at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)? Maybe you'd like to research at another college through the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program? We will host an information session on Monday, December 4 at 3:30 pm focused solely on these two opportunities. Seating is limited. The location will be announced once we know how much space is needed. Register <u>here</u>

Watch our new video on student research at ORNL



Represent UT at NCUR 2018

We need UT undergraduates who want to represent UT at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in April 2018. Join over 4,500 students from the around country presenting their research and creative achievements to each other. This event includes posters, oral presentation, art exhibition, dance performances, and a large graduate school exhibition. Submit your abstract or portfolio by December 5. Read more about NCUR



**Students Receive International** Honors

Rachel Hunt, Alexandra Brito, and Sierra Roark recently returned from Dublin, Ireland, where they attended the Undergraduate Awards Global Summit and received international honors for their academic

research. "The Undergraduate Awards Global Summit has been an incredible opportunity to showcase their work on an international stage and network with peers at universities worldwide," said Marisa Moazen, executive director for undergraduate research and community engagement.

The Office of Undergraduate Research is now soliciting entries from students who would like to represent UT in the 2018 competition; the deadline is in May. Read more about the Undergraduate Awards



**Summer Research Abroad** Choose from 8 countries to spend the summer conducting research (Australia, Chile, China, England, Ireland, New Zealand, South Korea, or Spain). Research in English unless otherwise noted. A research-based internship provides you the opportunity to join an ongoing research project for a short period of time, helping to clarify academic, career, and personal interests. Open to all majors and those new to research with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Apply now, before the January deadline!

Read more about Summer International Research



Research Abroad in Fall 2018

UT partners with EuroScholars to provide a high-caliber international research experience for our undergraduate students. The program is especially designed for students who are interested in discovering their potential for a research career. EuroScholars offers unique opportunities to spend a semester as a student researcher at one of the top European research institutions. A strong interest in an academic/research career and a GPA of 3.4 or higher are also required. Students do not need to have research experience, however, science students should have ample academic experience in a laboratory setting. Deadline to apply is April 1, however projects are awarded on a first come basis, so apply early if you can! Read More



2018 National Collegiate Research Conference

The Harvard College Undergraduate Research Association presents the 2018 National Collegiate Research Conference January 18-20, 2018 at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. Interested in research, collaboration, and innovation? Want to present your research at Harvard, receive feedback, and win prizes? Interested in meeting some of the most talented undergraduate students in the world?

Join 200 of the top undergraduate researchers from around the country and the globe for the 2018 National Collegiate Research Conference, the largest student-run undergraduate research conference in America.

UT will offer \$500 travel grants to students accepted to present. Application Deadline: Friday, December 1 at 11:59 pm EST Apply to NCRC 2018



Showcase your research and represent the University of Tennessee at a regional, state, or national conference. We are pleased to announce the addition of an Undergraduate Research Travel Grants

program to our program offerings. Students presenting their work at conferences may apply for funds to partially defray the costs of registration and travel. The amounts awarded are: •\$300 for regional conferences (TN and any contiguous state) •\$500 for national conferences

## **Explore - Research** assistant posting

•\$800 for international conferences

<u>database</u> Are you looking for undergraduate research opportunities? Use EXPLORE to search for faculty by academic department, view open oncampus research positions, and view off-campus research opportunities. Log in to ugexplore.utk.edu using your UT NetID and search and apply for



**R-designation** 

positions. Keep checking, we post new openings frequently.

Look for classes with the Research (R) designation in the course catalog. These courses have undergraduate research built into the course. You can also ask your department or advisor if there are any R-courses available for you. The R-designation will appear on your transcript allowing confirmation of participation.



Submit Undergraduate Research Highlights for the next issue of Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research. Undergraduate Research Highlights briefly describe peer-reviewed research or scholarly work in academic journals, book and book chapters, Web-based publications, and juried performances that have occurred within the past six months. They must be in print and must have one or more undergraduate coauthors. Email your submission to ugresearch@utk.edu.

## **Upcoming Deadlines to Present**

Ready to present your undergraduate research? Or maybe you'll be ready by Spring 2018. We have some upcoming deadlines that are important for you to know! National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR) - Deadline December 5 (includes posters, orals, art, theatre, dance, and other

formats) Exhibition of Research and Creative Achievement (EUReCA) -Deadline March 11

## Save the Date A list of important dates for the academic year. Upcoming events.

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Pursuit Submission Deadline	Ongoir
Travel Grant Program Deadline (General)	Ongoir
NCUR Abstract Submission Deadline (Edmond, OK)	Dec 5
Int'l Research Opportunities Travel Grant Deadline for Summer 2018 scholarships	Jan 3
NCUR Travel Grant Deadline	Jan 26
Summer Internship Application Deadline	Feb 12
URSA's 9th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium (tentative)	Mar 24
National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Edmond, OK	Apr 4-7
Campus-Wide Research Week	Apr 16-
22nd Annual Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative	Apr 16

Achievement (EURēCA) The Undergraduate Awards Submission Deadline

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