

WELCOME

UR@MSU is a newsletter created for the research mentors of our undergraduate researchers. Its goal is to make faculty, post-docs, graduate students, and staff aware of the many university resources and professional development opportunities available for our undergraduate researchers and their mentors. This newsletter is distributed once each semester.

POSTERS ON THE HILL

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) will host its annual undergraduate poster session on Capitol Hill in Spring 2015 (the date will be announced once the Congressional calendar is set) in Washington, DC. This event helps members of Congress understand the importance of undergraduate research by talking directly with the students whom these programs impact.

CUR is calling for students to submit an abstract of their research that represents any of CUR's disciplinary divisions. **Submissions are due November 5, 2014.** Please note: MSU is a CUR Institutional Member, so all MSU students are eligible to apply.

The UR Office has funding to support the full cost of travel for an accepted student and his/her research mentor.

For more information about this program, visit <http://www.cur.org/>.



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UR SUMMER EVENTS

This year hundreds of MSU students as well as visiting students engaged in mentored research projects throughout the summer. Students had the opportunity to participate in several professional development opportunities that complemented their research experiences.



NETWORKING EVENTS

Two luncheon networking events helped connect students to the broader University community. Faculty discussed career paths, choosing a disciplinary focus, and the challenges and benefits of being a faculty member. Graduate students talked about different aspects of graduate school – from choosing a program to major projects and research foci. More than 300 students participated in these events.

SUMMER RESEARCH FORUM

Most of the campus summer programs concluded

with students presenting at MSU's summer undergraduate research forum, the Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences (Mid-SURE). 294 students presented at the event; these students represented 87 different institutions. Approximately 264 faculty members mentored these students on their projects. Additionally, students were able to attend a graduate school fair. The fair included 26 graduate programs from 21 different institutions, such as Purdue, Notre Dame, and Northwestern University. Mid-SURE 2015 will be held in late July.



To get your student researchers involved in these opportunities next summer, contact Megan Shannahan, Assistant Director for Undergraduate Research, at shannah2@msu.edu, or visit the Mid-SURE website at urca.msu.edu/midsure for more information.

FALL 2014 UR WORKSHOP SERIES

TROUBLESHOOTING YOUR UR EXPERIENCE

October 6, 6:00-7:00 PM

Bessey Hall 316

FINDING A SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

October 28, 7:00-8:00 PM

Bessey Hall 316

Sponsored by the Undergraduate Research Office and the Honors College.

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UR POSTER DISPLAYS

Each year, thousands of MSU undergraduates participate in research or other creative activities. We spotlight some of their experiences on our website and display their posters in rotating displays in the Neighborhood Engagement Centers

If you'd like to feature a student for a spotlight, please send their name and contact information to ugrsrch@msu.edu.

UR SOCIAL MEDIA

 [facebook.com/urmsu](https://www.facebook.com/urmsu)

 twitter.com/ur_at_msu

 urmsu.wordpress.com

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AMBASSADORS

MSU's **UR Ambassadors Program** trains undergraduate researchers to facilitate workshops for their peers. These interactive workshops introduce students to the benefits of participating in research, provide a step-by-step guide to finding research opportunities on campus, and discuss campus resources.



While the UR Office sponsors Ambassador-led workshops each semester, the Ambassadors are also frequently invited to present during class periods and at student organization meetings. If you are interested in inviting a pair of Ambassadors to your class or meeting, contact the UR Office by email ugrsrch@msu.edu.

STUDENT RESEARCH ABROAD

Are you working with a student who is interested in doing research abroad? There are several ways for students to get involved in international research opportunities. The Office of Study Abroad has compiled a list of study abroad opportunities that include research components, which can be found at <http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/research/undergrad/>.

Additionally, Honors College students can apply to the EuroScholars Research Abroad program, which gives students the opportunity to conduct research at leading European universities for a semester or year. Countries include Belgium, Finland, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. You can find more information on the program's website at <http://honorscollege.msu.edu/euroscholars-research-abroad-program>.