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Undergraduate Research Expo



October 2, 2019
ALL-DAY EVENTS | OPEN TO ALL

The Undergraduate Research Expo highlights and celebrates undergraduate research experiences at Texas A&M University.

UNDERGRADS: Come for workshops, see how to get involved, and network with faculty and graduate students.

FACULTY, GRADS, & ADMIN: Find innovative ways to recruit students and incorporate high-impact practices in your research models.

Morning Round Tables

Undergraduate Research at Texas A&M: Where Are We Now & Where Are We Going?



9:00-10:00 AM | MSC 2300 B

This round table will address the state of undergraduate research at Texas A&M University

Discussion topics include:

- Research credit enrollment
- Diversity, access, and inclusion initiatives
- Trends in research funding
- Upcoming High Impact Practices in the States Conference
- Assessment of lifelong learning, undergraduate research, and employability skills

Experiences in Mentoring Undergraduate Researchers

10:15-11:15 AM | MSC 2300 D

This round table will provide graduate students, faculty, and administrators the opportunity to hear perspectives on the best practices in mentoring undergraduate researchers at Texas A&M.

Discussion topics include:

- Fostering independence in undergraduate researchers
- Responsibilities of graduate student mentors
- Strategies for dealing with problems or issues
- Establishing positive working relationships

Undergraduate Research and Preparing for Law School: A Discussion with the TAMU School of Law

10:15-11:15 AM | MSC 2300 E

This round table will introduce students to LAUNCH: UGR-TAMU School of Law undergraduate research collaborations.

Discussion topics include:

- Strategies for a successful transition from an undergraduate degree to law school acceptance
- How to incorporate undergraduate research into your career to strengthen your law school application
- What to expect during the application process and beyond

Administrators, faculty, and current law school student Ambassadors will be on hand to discuss and answer questions.

Building Your REU/SURE Program in Qualtrics

10:15-11:15 AM | MSC 2300 B

Faculty and staff are invited to attend a demonstration and workshop for a new method of accepting student applications through Qualtrics for REU/SURE programs. This application is free and available if your college or department subscribes to Qualtrics. Perks of using this Qualtrics application template for your REU/SURE programs:

- Allows for targeted recruiting of underrepresented minority and first generation students
- Allows for direct customization and management of applications and communication
- Allows for surveys and assessment

Afternoon Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Getting Started in Research Workshops

1:00-1:30 PM and 2:00-2:30 PM | MSC 2300 B

Identical Sessions. For any undergraduate interested in research, this workshop will provide an overview of research at Texas A&M, information on how to get started, and advice from current undergraduate



researchers!

Aggie Research Program: Freshmen and Sophomores Needed



1:00-1:30 PM and 2:00-2:30 PM | MSC 2300 D

Identical sessions. Aggie Research Scholars perform research in teams led by an experienced graduate student or postdoctoral fellow. At this informational, students will learn how to review current ARP projects to find opportunities that align with your interests, professional goals, and availability.

Getting Off Campus: Research Opportunities

1:30-2:00 PM and 2:30-3:00 PM | MSC 2300 E

Identical Sessions. Staff from various departments and programs will provide resources for finding research positions at Texas A&M as well as give an overview of available research opportunities.

Afternoon Main Events

Research Opportunities and Resource Fair

1:00-3:00 PM | MSC 2300 A

Colleges, departments, and other units will host resource tables at the Undergraduate Research Expo to recruit students into undergraduate research programs and educate students about the many available opportunities.

[DOWNLOAD RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCE FAIR MAP](#)

This year's resource tables include:

- 1 | Department of English
- 2 | University Writing Center
- 3 | University Libraries
- 4 | Stark Northeast Tour
- 5 | Research Compliance and Biosafety
- 6 | College of Architecture
- 7 | Department of Mathematics
- 8 | Department of Computer Science and Engineering
- 9 | Engineering Entrepreneurship
- 10 | Grunlan Biomaterials Lab, Department of Biomedical Engineering
- 11 | Summer Undergraduate Research in Genetics and Genomics
- 12 | Health Promotion and Genomics Lab
- 13 | Center for Translational Research in Aging and Longevity
- 14 | Department of Physiology and Pharmacology
- 15 | College of Medicine Summer Undergraduate Research Program
- 16 | College of Dentistry Summer Undergraduate Research Program
- 17 | Diversity Science Research Cluster in Psychology
- 18 | Office for Diversity
- 19 | Career Center
- 20 | MSC LT Jordan Undergraduate Research Fellows Program
- 21 | Education Abroad
- 22 | Costa Rica Research Experience for Undergraduates
- 23 | Ecological Systems Laboratory
- 24 | Texas Sea Grant College Program



Aggie Research Scholars Poster Presentations

1:00-3:00 PM | MSC 2300 C

The Research-Intensive Community model was developed at Texas A&M to bring together faculty with active research programs, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows seeking leadership experience, and undergraduates seeking research opportunities. Unlike traditional 1-on-1 research apprenticeship, research is performed in multilevel teams.

[DOWNLOAD 2019 ARP POSTER SESSION ABSTRACT BOOK](#)

[DOWNLOAD 2019 ARP POSTER SESSION MAP](#)

[Learn more](#) about Aggie Research Scholars.

[Download the 2018 Abstract Book.](#)

Evening Events

Research Networking Panel

3:15-4:15 PM | MSC 2300 B

This speed panel will feature up to 40 faculty with research opportunities and/or resources for undergraduates. We hope to help students get engaged in high-impact learning and connect them with research opportunities from a variety of disciplines across campus.

This year's panelists include:

- 1 | Dr. Samuel Cohn, Sociology
- 2 | Dr. Rich Malak, Mechanical Engineering
- 3 | Ms. Florence Davies, University Writing Center
- 4 | Dr. Brett Mitchell, Medical Physiology
- 5 | Dr. Marian Eide, English
- 6 | Dr. Mary Wicksten, Biology
- 7 | Ms. Cory Arcak, MSC LT Jordan Institute for International Awareness
- 8 | Dr. Daniel Ebbole, Plant Pathology & Microbiology
- 9 | Dr. Dawn Jourdan, Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning
- 10 | Dr. Sharon Dormire, College of Nursing
- 11 | Dr. Gary Wingenbach, Agriculture Education
- 12 | Dr. Julie Loisel, Geography
- 13 | Dr. Joseph Orr, Psychology
- 14 | Ms. Magaly Rivera, Business Administration
- 15 | Mr. Dustin Kemp, LAUNCH
- 16 | Dr. Robert Chapkin, Nutrition & Food Science
- 17 | Dr. Laura Higgins, Human Factors
- 18 | Dr. Brittany Perry, Political Science
- 19 | Ms. Karen Beathard, Nutrition & Food Science
- 20 | Dr. Holly Hudson, Education Abroad
- 21 | Ms. Jocelyn Holt, Entomology
- 22 | Mr. John Avila, Educational Achievement
- 23 | Ms. Miranda Peterson, Environmental Studies
- 24 | Dr. Lynn Burlbaw, Teaching, Learning and Culture
- 25 | Dr. Maria Moyna, Hispanic Studies
- 26 | Ms. Mia Zwolinski, Sea Grant Administration and Program
- 27 | Dr. Apostolos Vasilakis, English
- 28 | Dr. Robert Ahdieh, Texas A&M University School of Law
- 29 | Dr. Randy Gordon, Texas A&M University School of Law
- 30 | Dr. Georgianne Moore, Ecosystem Science & Management
- 31 | Dr. Kelly Brumbelow, Education Program/EASA
- 32 | Dr. Paul Hernandez, Teaching, Learning and Culture
- 33 | Mr. Caleb Kicklighter, College of Architecture
- 34 | Ms. Emily Finbow, School of Innovation
- 35 | Dr. Tatevik Sekhposyan, Economics

