

RESEARCH TIPS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS



WHAT IS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH?

Research is a creative and systematic process of asking questions and discovering new knowledge. Any student, regardless of major, year, or experience, can get involved in undergraduate research.

The Office of Undergraduate Research provides resources and opportunities to support students, mentors, and staff across all disciplines to support the creation of transformative research experiences. Through diverse forms of inquiry, creative work and practice, undergraduates interrogate existing ideas and ask critical questions to create new knowledge.

WHY RESEARCH?

> **CONTRIBUTE KNOWLEDGE AND IMPACT THE WORLD:**

UW is a world-class research institution with prestigious faculty conducting original research in their fields.

> **CREATE COMMUNITY:** Participation in research can help you find your niche on campus. The close relationships that are developed through faculty mentorship and working in a research group help build community at UW.

> **BUILD TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:** Undergraduate research develops transferable skills with broad application, including critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, collaboration, and independence.

> **EXPLORE CAREER AND GRADUATE EDUCATION**

DIRECTIONS: Gain hands-on experience in your field and explore what kinds of work you enjoy most. Research can also help you clarify your choice of major, career interests, and post-graduation plans.

RESEARCH IS FOR EVERYONE

Research happens in all disciplines, not just STEM.

In many cases, no prior research experience or specific skills are required.

Your GPA does not reflect your potential to excel in research.

It is never too early or too late to start.



FIVE WAYS TO GET STARTED WITH RESEARCH AT UW

1. Explore the “Begin Your Research Journey” resources on our website.
2. Search the Research Opportunities Database to find research opportunities recruiting UW students.
3. Sign up for an Office of Undergraduate Research Advising Appointment to discuss your interests.
4. Attend an information session or watch the recording to learn the steps for getting involved in an undergraduate research experience at UW.
5. Check out the UW Libraries Research Tutorial for an online, asynchronous, and self-paced tutorial to learn research skills.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Undergraduate Research hosts events and provides opportunities for transfer students to learn more about the undergraduate research process. Check out our website for up-to-date information and to learn more.

> **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES DATABASE:** The Office of Undergraduate Research maintains a database of research opportunities located on campus and in the surrounding Seattle area that are actively recruiting UW undergraduates.

> **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM:** Each year nearly 1,000 students from all three UW campuses and local institutions present research spanning over 100 disciplines. The Symposium features oral, poster, performing arts, and visual arts and design presentations, and is a great way for students to share their work with faculty, peers, and the UW community. Those not yet involved in research will discover that attending the Symposium is a great way to learn about the broad range of opportunities available at UW.

> **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH LEADERS:** Undergraduate Research Leaders (URLs) are a group of UW undergraduate researchers that connect with students through outreach presentations, panels, community-building events, and individual meetings to provide support and guidance to students on their research journey.

> **RESEARCH CAFÉ:** Come to Research Café to make new connections, chat about research, and enjoy free coffee and donuts. All are welcome at this monthly event.

> **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH NEWSLETTER:** Subscribe to our newsletter to receive monthly updates on current opportunities and scholarships. The subscription link is on our website uw.edu/undergradresearch.

FUNDING YOUR RESEARCH

> **MARY GATES RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP:** All UW undergraduates engaged in research may apply for a two-quarter \$5,000 scholarship to enhance their educational experience. The application is open every Autumn and Winter quarter.

> **SUMMER INSTITUTE IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES (SIAH):** Brings together faculty and students in seminar sessions that encourage collaborative learning and independent thought. Selected students receive a \$6,000 scholarship and 12 credits. The application is open every Winter quarter.

> **LEVINSON EMERGING SCHOLAR'S AWARD & WASHINGTON RESEARCH FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP:** Supports UW advanced undergraduate students who want to pursue creative and highly independent research in biosciences and related fields. The application is due in July.

> **CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS:** Enables students to extend their research experiences by contributing to discussions at professional conferences and provides funding for travel and conference expenses. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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