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Undergraduate Research Program

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Socials:



Congratulations!

The Undergraduate Research Program (URP) Team would like to thank you for an incredible year! Your hard work, curiosity, and dedication to research have made this academic year a great success. From hands-on projects to conference presentations and published features, your accomplishments have been truly impressive.

We're proud to celebrate everything you've achieved and grateful for the energy and passion you bring to the URP community. Thank you for your continued commitment to discovery and innovation.

We look forward to an exciting and productive summer ahead!

With gratitude,
The URP Team

UDaily Features

Jocelyn Brown was a 2024 Summer Scholar. Her research focused exploring products directed towards haircare for Black Women and on finding ways to present safety messages on these products.

Jocelyn's UDaily Article: [HERE](#)

Orlagh Cahill was a 2024 Summer Scholar. This past summer, she studied new ways to preserve fragile fashion garments from the 1920s.

Orlagh's UDaily Article: [HERE](#)

Tiffany Lynch-Faulkner was 2024 Summer Scholar. Her research focuses on the brain's responses to odd and motivationally salient stimuli.

Tiffany's UDaily Article: [HERE](#)

Ha (Blake) Tran was a 2024 Summer Scholar. She spent the summer researching social media and its attentional and algorithmic bias towards negativity.

Blake's UDaily Article: [HERE](#)

Sarah Garner, was a 2024-2025 Senior thesis student. This article highlights her journey to being a 3 time published student.

Sarah's UDaily Article: [HERE](#)

Isaura López, was a 2025 Winter Fellow. This article focuses on her passion for art and science to embrace her identity.

Isaura's UDaily Article: [HERE](#)

Conferences

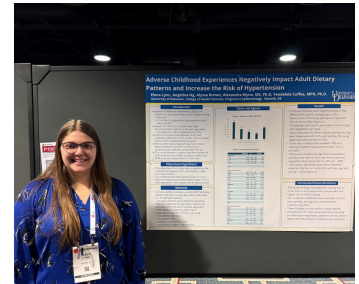
We funded 17 students to attend conferences, including these students below:



Julia Brady attended the Textile Exchange Conference and gained valuable experiences in meeting with leaders in the textile/apparel industry and witnessing historical collaborative initiatives to increase transparency and sustainability.



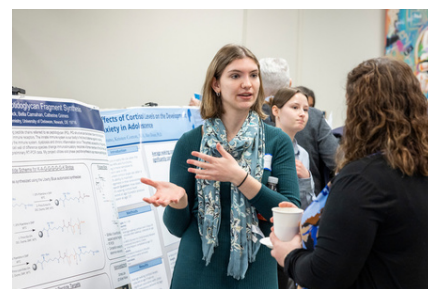
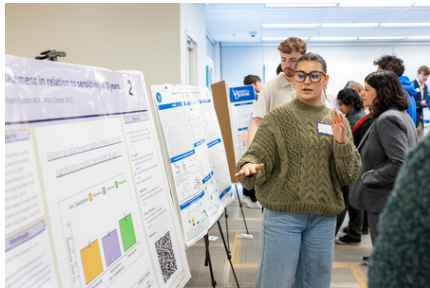
Millie Dill attended the American Astronomical Society Conference and presented her research in "An Astroseismological Analysis of the Hydrogen Atmosphere Pulsating White Dwarfs HL Tau 76 and EC 14012-1446"



Elena Lynn attended the American Heart Association EPI Lifestyles Conference and presented her research in "Adverse Childhood Experiences Negatively Impact Adult Dietary Patterns and Increase the Risk of Hypertension"

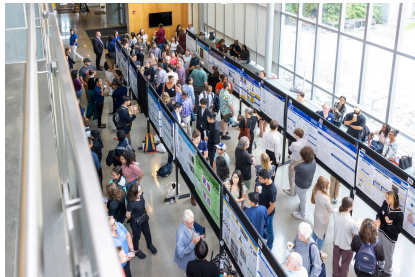
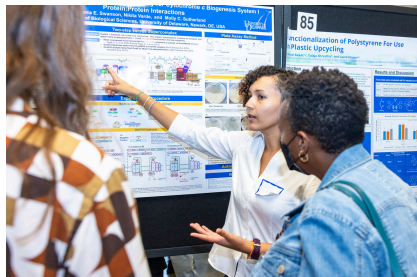
Winter Showcase Recap

In collaboration with the Library, Museums and Press, the Winter Showcase took place on February 19th, 2025 in the Morris Library. With almost 100 students participating, we had a wide range of research subjects, from molecular biology to fine arts. Students presented either a 3 minute Lightning Round Talk or gave a Poster Presentation. See below for photos! The titles of students' presentations can be found on our website here: [LINK](#)



Summer Symposium Recap

Our annual Symposium for took place on August 8th, 2024 in the Harker T. ISE Lab. Over 550 undergraduates were presenting their research in the form of oral or poster sessions. If you'd like to access the photos that were taken at the Summer Symposium, [CLICK HERE](#) The 2025 Summer Symposium will take place on August 14th, 2025!



This Year in Numbers!

In 2023-2024...

We had **94** Winter Fellows, **188** Summer Scholars, **59** Summer Fellows, **82** UDRAW students, and **47** completed Senior Thesis students

In 2024-2025...

We had **115** Winter Fellows, **225** Summer Scholars, **48** Summer Fellows, **105** UDRAW students, and **104** completed Senior Thesis

A Note from our Faculty Director

A Special Thank You to our Undergraduate Researchers: Research changes the world. Through research lives are saved; discoveries are made; creative solutions emerge; beauty is created; mysteries are illuminated. At the University of Delaware, undergraduate students have multiple opportunities to engage in research across disciplines. I am thankful for all the students who engaged in research over the 2024-2025 academic year. Be it in one of our programs like UDRAW, Winter Fellows, Summer Scholars, Summer Fellows, McNair or in any other campus program that promotes undergraduate research, you took the risk of learning new skills to further your understanding of research and your development as a researcher. Your involvement in the research endeavors provided opportunities to deepen your knowledge, to develop essential skills for future careers and to learn about yourself and your passions. I'm confident these research opportunities will continue to bear fruit in your future.

With Gratitude for your involvement in the university's research endeavors,
Rosalie Rolón-Dow, Ph.D., Faculty Director, Undergraduate Research and McNair Scholars Programs



Meet with Katherine!

If you have any questions about undergraduate research, want to talk through a research idea, or need any help at all you can always set up an appointment with our office. Fill out an appointment request through the following link and someone will reach out to you: [HERE](#)