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Happy February!

Happy spring semester! Winter break really flew by quickly and now we are in full swing for the spring semester. We hope you had a restful break and are enjoying all of your classes, we missed you! It may seem early, but this is a great time to start thinking about summer research opportunities!

Call for Articles

If you are a student who has participated in one of our programs and are featured in an article or journal that you would like us to share, please email yoojchoi@udel.edu. We would be happy to feature your achievements in our newsletter and/or Instagram!

UDRAW

Spring 2026 Research Projects are now available!

University of Delaware's Research Apprenticeship Work-Study (UDRAW) allows eligible students to use federal work-study funds in order to gain research experiences at the University of Delaware.

UDRAW is for work-study eligible students only.

For more information about UDRAW:

[CLICK HERE](#)

To see available research projects:

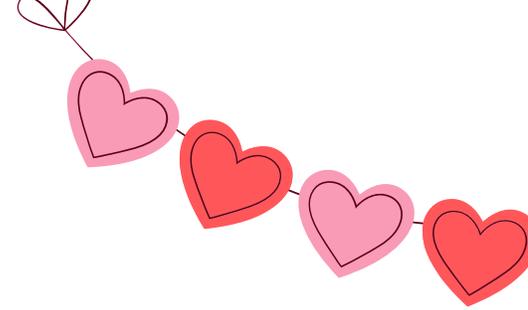
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Student Spotlight

Arielle Mahugu

Arielle contributed to a research article titled "Inhibition of lipolysis in visceral adipose tissue from obese mice and humans prevents impairment of endothelial Kir2.1 channels." Arielle also previously presented a poster at the Summer Symposium and participated in the Winter Fellows program.

Read the research article [HERE](#)



Summer Scholars

Application is now **OPEN** until March 1st at 11:59 pm

The Summer Scholars Program enables selected undergraduates to conduct in-depth research or creative work with a University faculty mentor for 10 weeks in the Summer.

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)

Benefits

- Opportunity to explore research interests while gaining hands-on experience
- Faculty mentoring & personalized advisement
- Stipend of \$4,000
- Showcase your research at the Summer Symposium
- Enhance your resume for professional opportunities and graduate applications

Summer Fellows

Application will open in March!

The Summer Fellows Program provides an alternative to the Summer Scholars program. The program is ideal for those who wish to undertake a smaller scale project, who have been working on projects during the academic year and would like to continue research in the summer, or who wish to begin projects that will continue during next academic year.

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)

- Opportunity to explore research interests while gaining hands-on part-time experience
- Faculty mentoring & personalized advisement
- Stipend of \$300-1500
- Showcase your research at the Summer Symposium
- Enhance your resume for professional opportunities and graduate applications

Eligibility for Summer programs:

- Open to all current undergraduate students
- Must have a Faculty Mentor when you apply

To apply: [CLICK HERE](#)

Explore available Summer research projects [HERE](#)

Student Spotlights

Sabrina Ballah

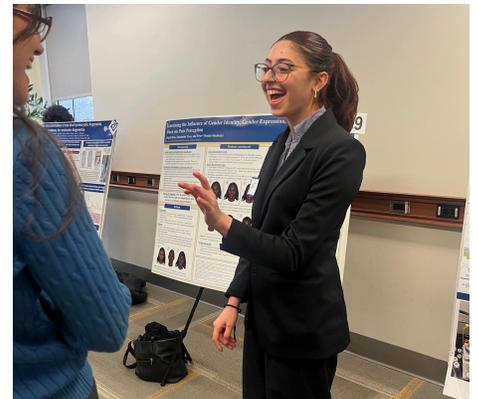
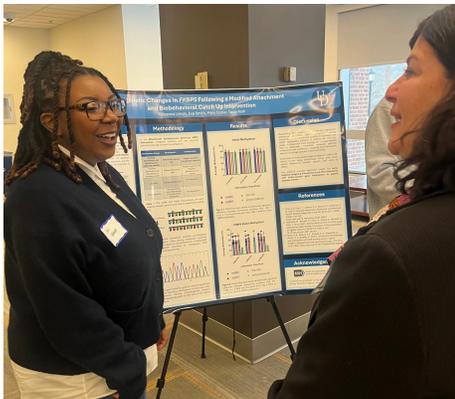
Sabrina recently shared research on Macau, a SAR of China, at the 2025 Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Association for Asian Studies meeting in Pittsburgh. Sabrina stated, "Communicating with other scholars and professionals in the field helped me to network and learn about relevant issues in the field related to both Hong Kong social movements and the friendly interactions between Black Americans and Mao Zedong."



Winter Showcase

Showcase for Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Works

We had a very successful Winter Showcase on Wednesday, February 11th! Thank you to everyone who presented their research, and to everyone who attended in support of the students! Everyone did such wonderful work and had very great presentations.

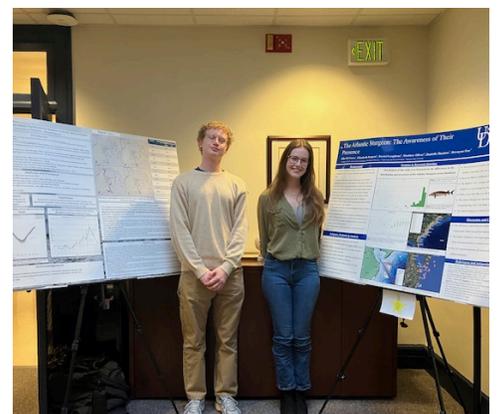
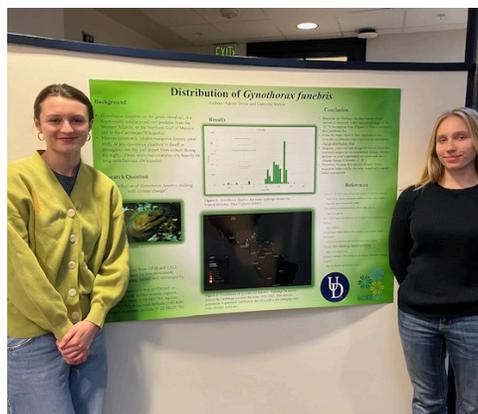
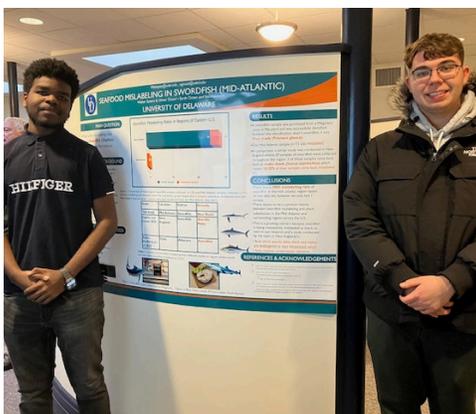
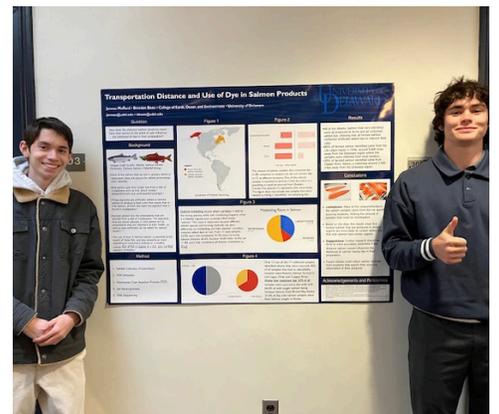
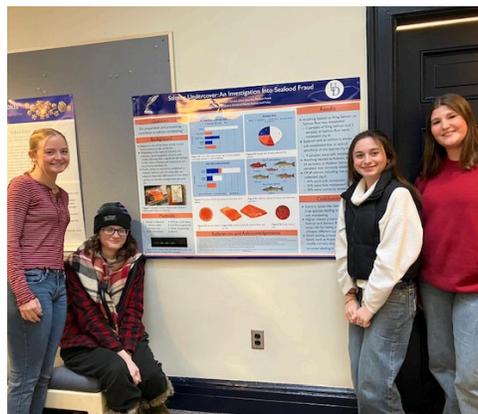
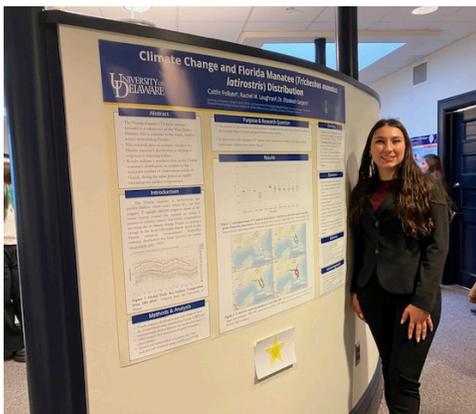


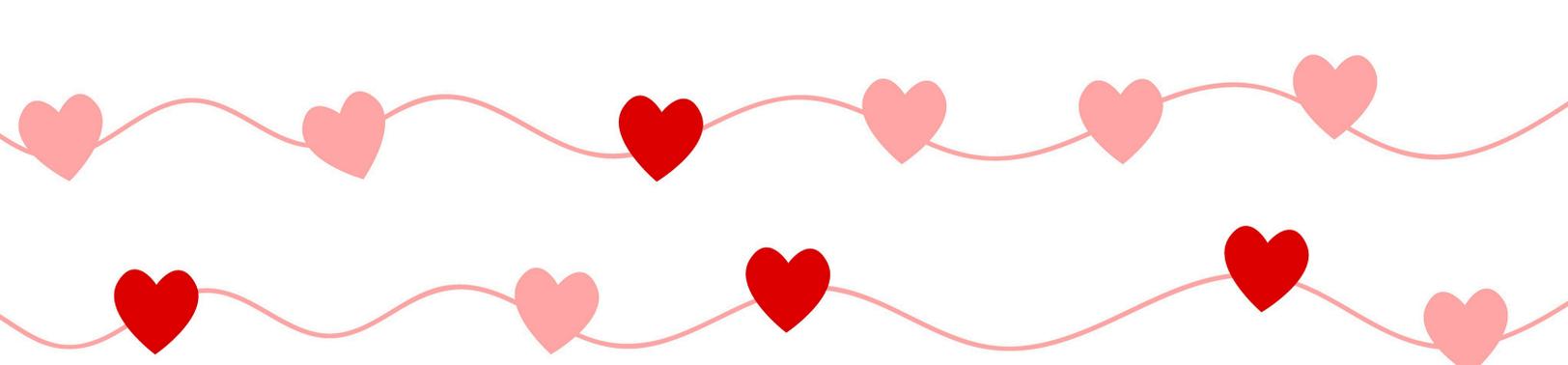
CURE Symposium

CURE is an acronym for Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experience. In courses designated as CURE's, students gain experience doing hands-on original research.

Dr. Elizabeth Sargent, Assistant Professor in the School of Marine Science and Policy (SMSP) and a leader in CURE course development at UD, explains that CUREs "reduce the barrier to entry for undergraduate research by embedding authentic research in the curriculum." CURE courses can also boost student engagement and persistence, increase interest in research and graduate education, and nurture career-relevant skill development. The Fall 2025 SMSP Undergraduate Research Symposium included research posters produced across the two Fall 2025 CURE courses.

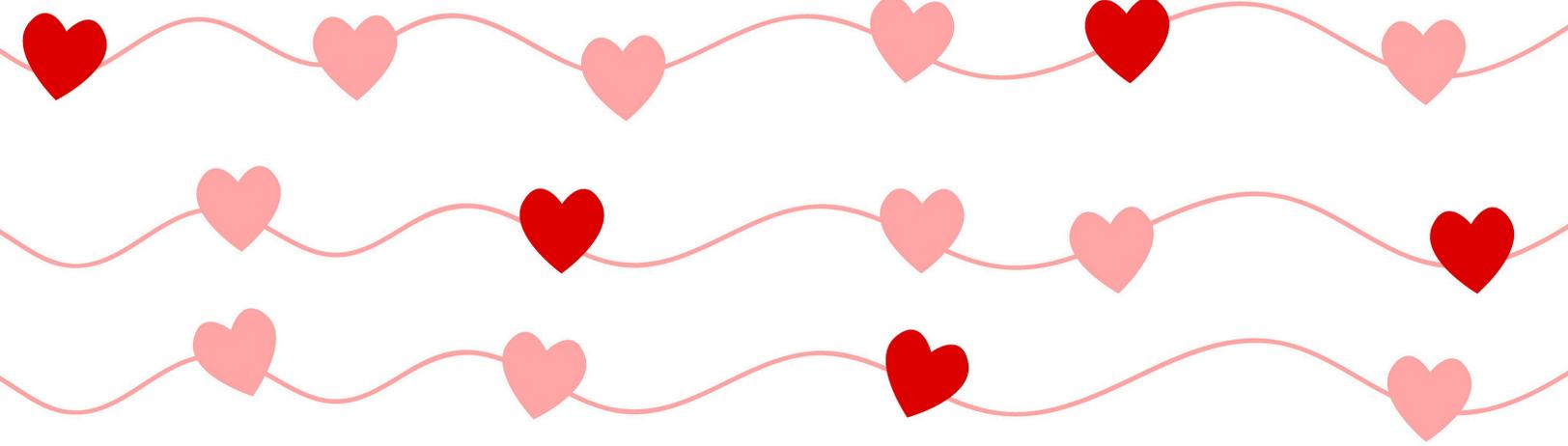
Various students have presented research beyond the course at external conferences. Congratulations to Dr. Sargent for her outstanding work in developing undergraduate researchers at UD and to all the students who have conducted research in their courses.





Important Dates

- Summer Scholars application due March 1st
- Summer Fellows application opening in March



Meet with Us!

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 Yoo Jin will reach out to you: [HERE](#)