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Undergraduate Research Program



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Happy April!

Welcome back from Spring break! There's only a few weeks left in the semester and summer will be here before we know it! Start thinking about how you can incorporate research into your summer plans! Enjoy the warmer weather as you begin to plan for the summer and next year!

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:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Industry Scholar

Daeun Kim

Daeun Kim is a senior double major in sociology with a concentration in emergency and environmental management and anthropology with a concentration in human rights and global instabilities. Kim presented research she conducted at UD at the International Association of Emergency Managers Conference in November, 2025. She conducted the research through the UD's Summer Scholars Program and the Disaster Research Center(DRC)'s DRCit! initiative.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more

The 2026 Goldwater Scholars



Taran Kermani

“Throughout my undergraduate career, I’ve participated in Winter Fellows program 3 times and the Summer Scholars program once. The URP programs provided me with many opportunities to develop poster and oral presentation skills that were useful for international conferences, as well as experimental design skills that are helping me to design my Senior Thesis experiments.”



Evan Borodin

“At UD, I participated in both the Summer Scholars and Winter Fellows programs, which have provided me with both the time and financial support to continue my research beyond the academic year. I was able to devote this funding to both participation in a six-week research expedition in the Labrador Sea and subsequent analysis of sediment cores collected during the expedition”



Kyle Wodehouse

“I participate in the UDRAW program and shared a poster at the winter research symposium. UDRAW enables me to focus on my research in Professor Arthi Jayaraman’s lab without needing additional work or placing a financial burden on her lab.”



The 2026 Goldwater Scholars



Levi Bielewicz

Levi is a junior majoring in chemistry with minors in material culture and statistics. Levi conducts research in chemometrics, focusing on statistical modeling and data analysis in chemistry.



Kathleen Higgins

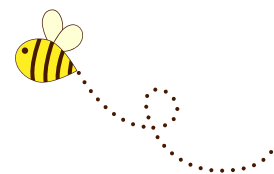
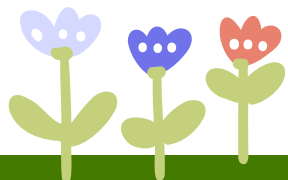
Kathleen is a sophomore double majoring in computer science and political science. Kathleen conducts interdisciplinary research in artificial intelligence, misinformation detection and neuroscience.

UD LGBTQ+ Research Symposium

Friday, May 1st from 12-2 pm in 220 Alison Hall

This event will showcase LGBTQ+ research at UD and provide space for students, staff, faculty, and community to engage in discussion and knowledge sharing. The symposium is hosted by the Queer Development Lab in the College of Education and Human Development, in partnership with the Queer and Trans Faculty Working Group. The event will include around 1 hour of oral presentations, 30 minute poster session, and reception with refreshments.

Interested presenters, including undergraduate students, can [follow this link](#) to find more information about presenting or to submit their presentation for consideration. Students are invited and encouraged to submit research that has been recently presented or published elsewhere or to submit works in progress.



Summer Fellows

Application will close on April 27th at 11:59 pm

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](#)



Senior Thesis Application

Application is due May 15th

Interested in enrolling in Senior Thesis? You can now submit your applications! Be sure to turn in your materials before the end of the school year. If you have any questions or want to set up a meeting, you can contact the URP Graduate Assistant Yoo Jin at yoojchoi@udel.edu.

Information about the Senior Thesis program application can be found [HERE](#)

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](#)