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# Newsletter

## Undergraduate Research Program

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## Socials:

## Happy Fall!

Happy October! Congratulations to all students coming to the end of midterms; we are now in the home stretch! We have many opportunities to share with you to continue making connections and broaden your horizons. Have an amazing rest of your semester!

## 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

### Fall 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.

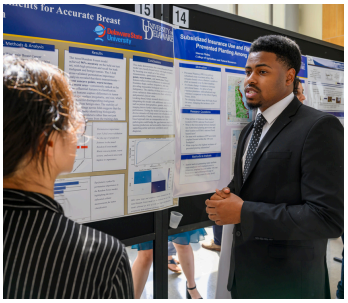
**UDRAW is for work-study-eligible students only.**

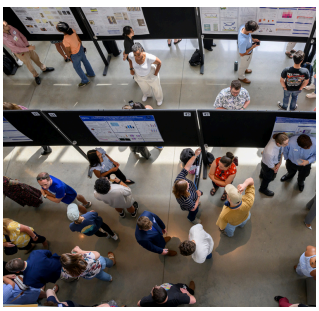
Available UDRAW research projects for Fall 2025: **CLICK HERE**

For more information about UDRAW: **CLICK HERE**

## 2026 Winter Fellows Showcase

Our 2026 Winter Fellows Showcase was a fantastic success! Across a wide range of unique research topics, 126 presenters shared their work! We are incredibly excited to see what this year's Winter Fellows have in store!





# Winter Fellows

### Application now open! Deadline is November 8th at 11:59 PM

The Winter Fellows program, part of the Undergraduate Research Program, offers undergraduate students the opportunity to conduct independent research during the 5-week winter session with financial support. Participants will receive a stipend upon completion of their projects, which they are expected to present at the Winter Showcase in February!

Link for more information: **CLICK HERE**

# McNair Scholars Program

### Regular Deadline: November 13th at 11:59 PM

The McNair Scholars program is a 10-week summer research program that helps students from low-income backgrounds and/or first-generation college students prepare for graduate school.

Link to Apply: **CLICK HERE**

**Benefits**

- $3,500 research stipend, Summer housing, Summer meal card
- Graduate application fee waivers
- GRE exam fee reduction
- Graduate school visits
- One-on-one faculty mentoring

**Eligibility:**

- Low-income & first-generation
  - OR only First-gen
  - OR only Low-income
- Must be a sophomore/junior to apply
- GPA: 2.75 (Sophomore), 3.0 (Junior)

# Plastino Scholars Program

### Application closes December 8th at 5 PM

The Plastino Scholars Program, under the College of Arts and Sciences, awards a grant up to $6,000 to 4-6 undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional talent in self-designed, off-campus learning experiences that create a difference in their lives and in the lives of others.

Link to Application: **CLICK HERE**

For more information: **CLICK HERE**



# Graduate Open House

### Wednesday, October 28th , 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

The Graduate College is hosting a Graduate Open House event on Wednesday, October 28th, in Perkins Student Center from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to learn about graduate education at UD!

This event is primarily for current UD undergraduate students (sophomores, juniors, and seniors) to broaden their awareness of the many graduate master's programs and accelerated degree programs UD offers (4+1). This event will allow UD undergraduate students to meet with representatives of UD graduate programs and other departments. There will be light refreshments to enjoy while students discover available 4+1 programs. And most importantly, students will learn how to better prepare themselves for furthering their education!

Link for more information: **CLICK HERE** Link to register: **CLICK HERE**

# Student Spotlight

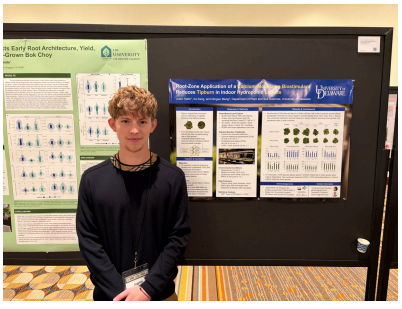
## Hope Gallagher

Hope Gallagher, a 2026 Summer Scholar, junior Fashion Merchandising major, and 4+1 student, has published a paper based on her Summer Scholar project with the International Trade Centre (ITC), an international organization jointly run by the World Trade Organization and the United Nations. She reviewed the latest earnings call transcripts from 30 leading U.S. fashion companies to examine how recent tariff hikes are affecting their business practices. Her study offers valuable insights on how tariffs have reshaped the fashion industry.

Read Hope's paper: **HERE**

## Justin Hahn

Justin Hahn, a graduate of the College of Health Sciences, discovered newfound aspirations in a career focused on plant and soil sciences. He spent time in Dallas, Texas, exploring the endless career opportunities that plant sciences and indoor agriculture could bring him. With his new interest and curiosity for plants, he composed and presented his own research, "Root-Zone Application of a Calcium-Mobilizing Biostimulant Reduces Tipburn in Indoor Hydroponic Lettuce". Justin Hahn is a strong example that despite studying in one particular field, there are endless possibilities for how you can further your career!





# Empower Fellowship Summer Research Program

## Application closes December 7th at 5:00 PM

The Empower Fellowship is a program targeted at UD students enrolled in a science- or healthcare-related field with limited lab experience. Students will experience a full-time, 10-week residential summer program to work on unique research projects and improve their lab skills. Students will receive a research stipend, free housing, and individualized mentorship.

For more info about the Program: **CLICK HERE**

To start the application, students must attend at least one Empower Fellowship Discovery Day. This visit introduces them to the Fox Chase Cancer Center, program staff, and fellowship details. Bus transportation and lunch are provided.

To sign up for the visit: **CLICK HERE**

**Dates that are left for the visits are:**
November 6
December 4

## Important Dates

- Graduate Open House: October 28th 3-6 PM
- Winter Fellows Application closes: November 8th
- McNair Regular Deadline: November 13th
- Empower Fellowship closes: December 7th @ 5 PM
- Plastino Scholars closes: December 8th @ 5 PM

## 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**