
Embarking on an undergraduate research journey offers an exhilarating adventure filled with discovery and profound satisfaction. I strongly encourage students to seize the opportunity to explore this path, as it not only enriches your academic experience but also equips you with critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of your field of study.
-Daniel Francois, CURS Ambassador



Undergraduate Students Present Research Around Georgia

Undergraduates have been busy this spring, sharing their research across the state of Georgia!

Posters at the Capital: Atlanta, Georgia Congratulations to two CURS students, Kaitlyn

Le (Senior, Biology/Art Minor; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Raoul Pacheco) and Charmi Patel (Senior, Cell and Molecular Biology; Faculty Mentor Dr. Deborah Jehu), who presented their research as part of the Posters at the Capital event in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kaitlyn presented her work *Virt Dirt: Virtual Reality Ceramics*, where she investigated how the traditional ceramic process can be made more accessible to those with motor and sensory challenges. Charmi presented her work, *The Relationship Between Sedentary Behavior and Cognitive Domains Among People Living With Dementia*, where she aimed to learn more about how sedentary behaviors can affect domains of cognition among individuals living with dementia.

101st Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science (GAS): Kennesaw, Georgia
Congratulations to Vanessa Browning (Junior, Psychology) and TK Guerrero (Senior, Elementary Education) (Faculty Mentor Dr. Alex St. Louis) for winning Most Outstanding Undergraduate Paper for Section VII at the 101st Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science on March 2nd! Vanessa and TK presented their work *From Science Thought to Science Practice: Questioning and Science Practice Skills in the K-12 Classroom*, where they investigated how students, and their undergraduate mentors understand questioning in scientific inquiry. Their colleague, Melvin Hilson (B.S., '23; incoming Ph.D. Student, Biomedical Sciences), won the Most Outstanding Graduate Paper for Section VII.

Have you presented your research at a conference this year?

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CURS News

Undergraduate Research Week

Celebrating Scholars Across the Disciplines

Join CURS as we celebrate Undergraduate Research Week, April 1st through 4th. We will celebrate our undergraduate researchers, their faculty mentors, and their scholarly collaborations at the 24th Annual Undergraduate Research and Fine Arts (URFA) Conference.

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2024 Undergraduate Research and Fine Arts Conference

The 24th Annual Undergraduate Research and Fine Arts (URFA) Conference is swiftly approaching! Join us as we celebrate over 70 students' original research and creative activities. This year's conference will host four sessions: poster, oral, visual arts, performance arts, and the 4x4 showdown. The 4x4 is modelled after the 3-Minute Thesis competition where presenters have 4 minutes and 4 slides to present their research. Don't miss The Showdown!

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Deadline Ends Soon: Calling All May 2024 Graduates

Apply for a Research Distinction: Deadline April 15th

CURS offers [two academic research distinctions](#) to eligible undergraduate students of all majors: Distinction in Research and Distinction of Excellence in Research. Students must be in good academic standing, completed a minimum of 60 hours at AU, and have a minimum overall GPA of a 3.0 (Distinction) or 3.4 (Distinction in Research).

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Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming CURS Events

- April 1-4: Undergraduate Research Week
- April 3: Undergraduate Research and Fine Arts Conference
- April 8-12: Spring Break
- April 15 : Deadline for Research Distinctions

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