

Subject:Fall and Spring Opportunities from the Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

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Dear Colleagues,

I am asking for your assistance in promoting three faculty-mentored research opportunities to your undergraduates. To enrich and support your students' independent research, the Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (OUR) will:

- Offer 10 Archival Scholars Research Awards, in partnership with the University Library System (ULS), each carrying a stipend of \$1,000.
- Offer Revolution & Innovation: London Field Studies program.
- Offer Experimental Cities: New York City Field Studies program.

The attached documents contain more information. Complete information and applications can also be found on the Office of Undergraduate Research Web site: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/>

The OUR will also partner with Dietrich School Faculty and ULS staff to offer a workshop series this fall to assist students at all levels.

Self-Directed Research: How to Get Started: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/researchcraft>

This workshop is for students interested in discovering self-directed research opportunities within the Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences. Participants will learn about available opportunities, especially OUR programs like academic year research awards, field studies programs, and the Archival Scholars Research Awards. This workshop is designed for students who may have had some prior faculty-directed research experience but need assistance developing a self-directed (or independent or advanced) research inquiry. While content will focus on OUR programs, the guidance can be applied to other University opportunities.

Archival Scholars Research Award Open House: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/researchcraft>

Undergraduates interested in developing a research project from one of the University Library System's archive collections for the Archival Scholars Research Award should attend either of the information sessions listed below. During the information sessions, undergraduates can discuss ideas with Dietrich School faculty, representatives from the Office of Undergraduate Research, and librarians. All sessions take place in the Digital Scholarship Commons space located in G-49 Hillman Library.

Field Studies Program Workshop: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/researchcraft>

This workshop assists students considering application to the Office of Undergraduate Research's NYC Field Studies or London Field Studies program. Former field studies participants will discuss their experience and application process. Attendees will also have the opportunity to review examples of successful field studies proposals, and past participants will share their field studies schedules to clarify how one's time is spent during a field studies program in New York City or London. This workshop provides valuable direction to students seeking guidance where to begin as well as for those who have specific field studies projects in mind.

Research Proposal Workshop: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/researchcraft>

This workshop—a partnership of the Office of Undergraduate Research, and the University Library System, and faculty members from the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences -- is designed to teach undergraduates how to craft effective independent research proposals for award and funding opportunities. Participants will learn techniques to strengthen

proposals and discuss best practices with faculty experts. Students considering applying for the Office of Undergraduate Research Summer Undergraduate Research Awards, Spring Archival Scholars Research Awards, New York City Field Studies, London Field Studies, or other opportunities for independent research are encouraged to register.

Finally, I am also asking you to encourage your students to submit their works of research, creative writing, or other scholarly articles to *Forbes & Fifth*, undergraduate journal. The deadline for submissions is October 14. Submission guidelines are attached, and they are also available at <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/fandf>.

Questions should be addressed to Patrick Mullen, Director of OUR, at 412-624-9150. Thank you for sharing these opportunities with your students.

Sincerely,
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