The Undergraduate Research Center (URC) encourages and facilitates research opportunities for UC Davis undergraduates in all majors and class levels. We offer advising, awards, programs and services to support undergraduate research across the university. The URC promotes research as a high impact student experience to enhance readiness to succeed in future careers.
URSCA Overview

URSCA is organized by a campus-wide committee and is hosted by the Undergraduate Research Center with support from Undergraduate Education, Student Affairs, Global Affairs, and University Library. Research projects must have been conducted under the supervision of a faculty member at UC Davis.

Each year, UC Davis undergraduates in all academic fields are invited to:

- Submit an abstract and registration information to participate in URSCA Showcase their research or creative project
- Become acquainted with the process and academic rigors of presenting research in a scholarly manner and in an affirming environment

THE CONFERENCE CONSISTS OF:

- Arts and Design Exhibit
- Poster Presentations (three 1-hour sessions)
  
  **FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2023**
  U Center (ARC Pavilion)
  2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

- Oral Presentations
  Session 1: 1:00–2:30 p.m.
  Session 2: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

  **SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2023**
  Wellman Hall
  1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
History of Conference Funding

• Conference started in Student Affairs in 1990.
• The Undergraduate Research Center formed in 2008 and Tammy Hoyer moved from Student Affairs to URC; Student Affairs continued to co-sponsor and provide part of funding as well as marketing design support.
• As the size of the conference has increased over the years, the Library and Global Affairs joined as co-sponsors and have contributed part of the funding (with UE and SA).
• Partnership with Student Affairs continued until 2019 at which time we were requested to submit funding request to COSAF.

FUNDING SOURCES OVERVIEW

Fund Requests for 2024:

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<th>Fund Request Type</th>
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<td>Student Affairs: Supplies, Facilities and services, printing costs</td>
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Projected total event budget: **28,926.80**

UE has also agreed to recent increase in poster printing costs adding another projected $3424.20 increase to the projected total event budget.

URSCA Conferences now cost around $30,000
Providing a Conference located here at UC Davis, without a registration fee and free printing prevents barriers to participation for presenters and attendees. This broadens the impact across campus and the general public. The Conference is a showcase of research at a Tier 1 research university and a recruitment tool for the campus.

Impact

PRESENTER BENEFITS (620 presenters this year expecting more in 2024)

- Great opportunity for first-time presenters to build communication and presentation skills, and gain confidence
- Outstanding addition to a students resume/cv for applying to grad/professional schools.
- Presentation and communication skills and experience is highly valued by employers
- Valuable networking opportunities for students to interact with faculty, graduate students, staff and peer scholars (each presenter will be engaged by a faculty moderator).
- Presenting is an essential part of engaging in research/creative activity. It’s meant to be shared and is a part of the curriculum of many sponsored undergraduate research programs.
- Learn about other research activities.

STUDENT ATTENDEES AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS: Gain awareness of research and creative activities and opportunities across all majors
2023
URSCA CONFERENCE

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to take the
URSCA
PLUNGE
and
Join Us!

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Thank you!

Got questions?

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