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Office of Undergraduate Education

**2024  
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# **Undergraduate Research Scholarship and Creative Activities Conference (URSCA)**

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## **URC MISSION**



The Undergraduate Research Center provides students with research opportunities for credit, non-credit, and experiential learning. We offer advising, awards, professional development, and support for research across the university. The Center promotes research and creative activities to enhance research and creative activities for all students.



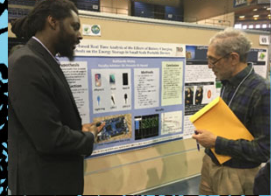
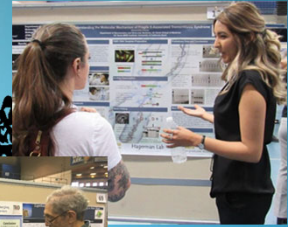
# URSCA Overview

URSCA is organized by a campus-wide consortium of departments by the Undergraduate Research Center, in collaboration with the Undergraduate Education and Research Center.

Research projects must have a research advisor and be under the supervision of a faculty member.

Each year, UC Davis undergraduate students are invited to:

- Submit an abstract and proposal for consideration to participate in URSCA and 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



Poster Session (Conference also includes an Art and Design Exhibit and Oral Sessions):

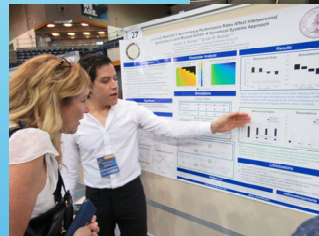
## THE CONFERENCE CONSISTS OF:

- Arts and Design Exhibit
- Poster Presentations (four 1-hour sessions)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**U Center (ARC Pavilion)**  
**1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Wellman Hall**  
**1:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

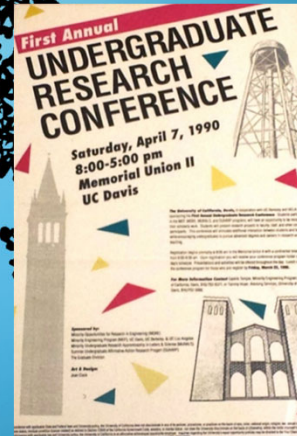






## History of Conference Funding

- Conference started in Student Affairs in 1990.
- The Undergraduate Research Board formed in 2004 and began to host the conference. Student Affairs continued to co-sponsor and provide part of funding as well as marketing design support. Marketing and design support was later moved to Undergraduate Education.



## FUNDING SOURCES OVERVIEW

### Fund Requests for 2025:

#### Student Affairs:

(In order of Priority)

Facilities: \$5,075.00  
 Publicity, Marketing: \$2,250.00  
 Supplies: \$855.00  
 Food: \$5,320.00  
 Total: \$13,500

#### Undergraduate Education:

Poster Printing: \$16,000 (new estimate is \$19,000)  
 Additional Supplies/Facilities: \$3,280

#### Presenters:

2023: 600  
 2022: 508  
 Each year ~125  
 Moderators

Each year around 4,000 total participants/attendees

2024: 889 presenters

# FUNDING JUSTIFICATION

Providing a Conference local to here at UC Davis without a registration fee makes it more accessible and prevents cost barriers to participation for students and faculty.

This broadens participation across campus and the general public. The conference is a showcase of research from a Tier 1 research university and a recruitment tool for the campus as well as providing many benefits to students...



# Impact

## PRESENTER BENEFITS (887presentations)

- Great opportunity for faculty to present research, gain national and international exposure, and **improve presentation skills**, and gain **visibility**
- **Outstanding additional** recruitment tool for graduate and undergraduate schools.
- Presentation and communication skills and experience valued by **employers**
- **Valuable networking** opportunities for students to interact with graduate students, staff and peer mentors (each presentation moderated by a faculty moderator).
- Presenting is an essential part of engaging in **research/creative activity**. It's meant to be shared. It 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 campus





**PLAN TO ATTEND THIS YEAR!**

**APRIL 26-27, 2024**

Poster presentations: 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday  
 Arts and design exhibits: 12pm - 4pm Friday  
 University Credit Union: 12pm - 4pm Friday

Oral presentations: 1-4:30pm Saturday, April 27  
 Wellman Hall

DESIGN • CREATE • EXPLORE • DISCOVER • IMPACT

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate RESEARCH Scholarship and Creative Activities Conference**

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 Friday | University Credit Union Center  
 Saturday | Wellman Hall

**Abstract submission opens Jan. 8.**  
 Submit by the Feb. 9 priority deadline.  
 The final submission deadline is Feb. 19.

[ucrdavis.edu/conference](http://ucrdavis.edu/conference)

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**Thank you!**

**Got questions?**

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