



UR @ MSU

Hello,

Welcome to the back-to-school edition of the UR@MSU newsletter! Opportunities to engage in undergraduate research are available now and throughout the fall semester. Check out our September events and share this with undergraduate students.

Fall Opportunitites



Registration closes 9/18!

Interested in research and don't know where to start? We will walk you through determining your research interests and finding and securing a research position. This program is for students **who do not have prior research experience** and are enrolled in MSU.

Both forms will close on September 18, 2026 at midnight. Please only register for one cohort.

In-Person October program session dates

- 9/28 at 6pm
- 10/5 at 6pm
- 10/12 at 6pm
- 10/19 at 6pm

[Click here to register for the in-person fall cohort.](#)

Asynchronous

- Available from 10/1 to 10/31 at 11:59pm

[Click here to register for the asynchronous fall cohort.](#)



[Learn more and view our other workshops](#)



NCUR Abstract Submissions Open September 9 - December 4

Submit your abstract to present at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) which will be held in Grand Rapids, MI April 12-14, 2027.

[Learn More](#)



Connect 1:1 with a **peer Undergraduate Research Ambassador** to learn more about engaging in undergraduate research and creative activity.

[Book an Appointment](#)



Ready to embark on a new adventure in undergraduate research and creative activity? Check out these [Research Abroad](#) opportunities and apply for the scholarship by October 1.

[Application Process](#)

2026 GRFP Fellowship Application Workshop

September 14, 2026

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (EST),

Presented by
Steven D. Thomas
Michigan State University
The Graduate School

How does GRFP help careers?

- Earn \$37,000 stipend + additional resources
- Gain access to prestigious national facilities
- Join a large alumni network



The MSU SROP Program is pleased to invite you for an online workshop series to help you prepare for the NSF GRFP Applications due in mid-October.



The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is the country's oldest fellowship program that directly supports graduate students in various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, including social science and STEM Education. Rising seniors as well as 1st graduate students are eligible!

Workshop Events:

Sept 14, Sept 15, Sept 22, Sept 29, Oct 6

- Three live-stream events
- Two in-person review sessions
- Virtual feedback from successful award winners
- Special panel with past reviewers and winners

To RSVP by Sep 12, 2026 visit: <https://bit.ly/MSUGRFPreg>
For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/GRFPGrantWriting>
For more information contact Steven Thomas at 517-432-3268



Scholars Transforming Through Research
Council on Undergraduate Research's Advocacy Event



COUNCIL ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Gain valuable communication and advocacy skills through the Council on Undergraduate Research's **Scholars Transforming Through Research** Program. Submissions due Friday, September 18, 2026.

Submit Your Team

Travel Awards

The Council on Undergraduate Research offers travel awards for undergraduate students presenting at conferences throughout the year.

Open Applications

- **Biology Travel Grant**, due October 9
- **Psychology Student Research and Presentation Award**, due October 9
- **Social Science Conference Award**, due October 9

Learn More



Celebrating 16 Years of MidSURE

The 16th MidSURE was held on July 22nd at the STEM Building. Over 290 undergraduate students from more than 90 different institutions shared their research and creative activity with the MSU community. We thank the more than 300 faculty, staff, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students who mentored these students during their summer undergraduate research experience.

[Learn More](#)

Undergraduate Research in the News

Kellogg Biological Station graduate and undergraduate students recognized for their research

Amelia McGinnis, Ph.D. student, mentors undergraduate research assistants through the KBS Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates Program (REU) and MSU's Entomology Research and Outreach Fellowship (EROF)—the same fellowship program she participated in as an undergraduate. Amelia and her mentee presented their research at MidSURE 2026.

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