

# UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program



## Enhance Your Education Through UROP-Sponsored Programs!

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# What is UROP?

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) in the Division of Undergraduate Education encourages and facilitates faculty-mentored research and creative activities by undergraduates from all schools and academic disciplines at UCI. Research opportunities are available not only from every discipline, interdisciplinary program, and school, but also from many outside agencies, including national laboratories, industrial partners, and other universities. Opportunities are listed on the UROP Web site and distributed throughout the academic year. Students interested in receiving more information and individualized assistance are encouraged to contact the UROP Office to set up an advising appointment. The UROP Team assists students through all phases of the research process, including proposal writing, developing research plans, project management skills, receiving grants to fund research projects, scholarly journal writing through *The UCI Undergraduate Research Journal*, and presenting results of the research or creative project at the UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium. Below is a sample of some UROP-sponsored programs offered during the academic year or summer in support of faculty-mentored undergraduate research and creative activities. Additional information about UROP's programs is available at: [www.urop.uci.edu](http://www.urop.uci.edu).

**UROP Grants & Fellowships:** UROP provides recognition and funding in support of research and creative activities conducted by UCI undergraduates under the guidance of UCI faculty members. Students can apply for grants by submitting a proposal in the Fall and Spring Quarters. Proposal itemized budgets can only be in support of project-related expenses and up to \$1,000 for individual projects or \$2,500 for group projects. Proposals for projects that do not require funding and/or are already receiving adequate funding from other sources may be submitted for an Honorary Fellowship.

**Multidisciplinary Design Program:** MDP provides recognition and funding in support of group projects co-mentored by at least two faculty mentors from different schools. Participants have the opportunity to choose from a variety of innovative and creative design projects related to the areas of energy, environment, healthcare, and culture. Each project receives funding up to \$3,000 for project expenses and dedicated space in the Calit2 Building.

**Summer Undergraduate Research Program Grants & Fellowships:** SURP provides recognition and funding in support of research or creative activities conducted by continuing UCI undergraduates during the summer under the guidance of UCI faculty members. Student applicants need to have been involved in at least one quarter of faculty-mentored undergraduate research or creative activity before the beginning of the summer. Participants receive up to a \$3,000 stipend for their time and efforts. Proposals for projects that do not require funding and/or are already receiving adequate funding from other sources in support of time and efforts may be submitted for an Honorary Fellowship.

**Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship in the Internet of Things:** SURF-IoT provides recognition and funding in support of research or creative activities related to the Internet of Things (IoT) conducted by continuing UCI undergraduates under the guidance of UCI faculty members. Student applicants need to have been involved in at least one quarter of faculty-mentored undergraduate research or creative activity before the beginning of the summer. Participants receive up to a \$2,000 stipend in support of their time and efforts.

**Edwards Lifesciences Summer Undergraduate Research Program:** E-SURP provides recognition and funding for continuing UCI undergraduates who are conducting summer research or creativities under the guidance of UCI faculty mentors associated with the Edwards Lifesciences Center. Student applicants need to have been involved in at least one quarter of faculty-mentored undergraduate research or creative activity before the beginning of the summer. Participants receive up to a \$2,000 stipend for their time and efforts. Proposals for projects that do not require funding and/or are already receiving adequate funding from other sources in support of time and efforts may be submitted for an Honorary Fellowship.

**Symposium:** The annual UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium provides an opportunity for undergraduates from all disciplines to present their research results in a professional setting. Students supported by UROP-sponsored programs are required to present; however, the Symposium is open to all UCI undergraduate students. Activities include oral and poster presentations, student performances, a keynote speaker, and an awards ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in this celebrated UCI event, which is held in May. The Call for Abstracts is announced during the Spring Quarter.

**Journal:** *The UCI Undergraduate Research Journal* is a compilation of outstanding research papers completed by UCI undergraduate students from all schools and disciplines. The UROP Student Editorial Board handles the regulation, initial review of papers, and production of the *Journal*. Final research papers are reviewed and selected by the UROP Faculty Advisory Board. Detailed submission guidelines and the online submission form are on the UROP Web site. The Call for Papers is announced each year in May.