

Benefits



"If you're going to put all that time and energy into a research project, try and get it published somewhere—maybe even Oshkosh Scholar."
—Jonathan "Leviathan" Whitfield,
English secondary education,
December 2009 graduate

Graduate school advantage

- Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Registry: matches students with graduate schools that want students who are well prepared for research.
www.cur.org/UGRegistryselect.html
- Graduate schools want students who go beyond routine coursework. Students who have done research show responsibility, motivation and work ethic that graduate students need to further their education.
- Research projects allow students to experience the kind of research that will be expected of them in graduate school.

Employment advantage

- Increase your skills; the more you can offer an employer, the more likely you'll be hired over candidates without your experience.
- Learn which career path is right for you.
- Network with professionals through your research: you might get a job offer!



"There are so many areas of research out there, and you don't have to work in a laboratory to partake in it. If you are interested in information technology, art, history, psychology or biology there are always aspects of your field that need improvement."
—Katie Streufert, biology,
May 2011 graduate

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Supporting UW Oshkosh faculty, academic staff and students in their creative, scholarly and research endeavors.

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About

What is student research?

“An inquiry or investigation conducted by a student that makes an original, intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.”

– Council for Undergraduate Research, cur.org

Why student research?

- Increase your competitiveness for jobs or graduate school admissions.
- Improve your communication, problem-solving and analytical skills.
- Think outside the box, and the classroom.
- Clarify your career and life goals.
- Network with students and faculty.
- Earn course credit (if approved by a department).
- Experience the joy of discovery.
- Spark your curiosity and creativity.
- Make a contribution to knowledge that may benefit society.

Where do I start?

- Visit department websites to look for available research projects and internships.
- Talk to professors in your department about research opportunities. Many have projects and need your help.
- Have a research idea? Ask a professor you enjoy working with to be your adviser/mentor.
- Go to uwosh.edu/studentresearch.



“Look at the difference I may make in thousands of lives with my research. The prospect of that is just incomprehensible to me.”

– Kathryn Baez, nursing,
December 2012 graduate

Support

Oshkosh sources of support

- **UW Oshkosh Student/Faculty Collaborative Research program:** provides stipends and funds to undergraduate/graduate students for research-related expenses. Projects provide students with a meaningful research experience, with the student assuming the principal role, and the faculty or teaching academic staff member serving as a mentor. uwosh.edu/studentresearch
- **McNair Scholars program:** this federally funded grant program provides eligible students with a summer research internship to prepare them for doctoral study. uwosh.edu/mcnairscholars
- **Research Experiences for Undergraduates in Proteomics and Functional Genomics Scholarship program:** funded by the National Science Foundation, students work with faculty mentors for 10 weeks during the summer. uwosh.edu/reu
- **PFG Scholars program:** this is an NSF-funded program for students in biology, microbiology, chemistry or computer science. Stipends pay students' FAFSA-calculated level of need, up to \$10,000 per year. uwosh.edu/pfgscholars.

“Research is actually fun. You're searching for answers to a question that's specifically your own.”

– Jean Neal, social work,
May 2011 graduate



External sources of support

Research opportunities are endless and expand beyond the UW Oshkosh campus. See uwosh.edu/studentresearch/funding for listings.

Results

What happens to my research results?

Present

- **Celebration of Scholarship:** a UW Oshkosh event where undergraduate and graduate students share scholarly and creative works.
- **Posters in the Rotunda:** undergraduate students display research posters at the State Capitol.
- **UW System Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity:** UW System undergraduates showcase scholarly and creative works at this event held on a UW System campus.
- **National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR):** undergraduate students from all disciplines present at this annual conference. ncur.org
- **Professional societies:** ask your adviser/mentor about presenting research at professional conferences.
- **CUR Posters on the Hill:** sixty competitively selected undergraduates present research at the U.S. Capitol. cur.org/postersession.html

Publish

- **Oshkosh Scholar:** this UW Oshkosh undergraduate research journal publishes scholarly and creative works. Get your research published in this journal of undergraduate discoveries! uwosh.edu/oshkoshscholar
- Find a listing of national journals on the student research web page: uwosh.edu/studentresearch/journals

