



Monthly updates from OUR team to yours!

FEBRUARY 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The Office of Undergraduate Research would like to wish everyone a happy Black History Month! Since 2015, the Office has funded 33 Black undergraduate researchers at the University of Utah. Our commitment is to supporting Black excellence in undergraduate research at the University of Utah. In celebration of the occasion, we are excited to spotlight one of The Office of Undergraduate Research UROP Scholars from 2020 (summer and fall): Christopher de Freitas (he/him/his). Christopher graduated with his Bachelors degree in Computer Science in 2021 and is currently completing his Master's degree at the U. When asked how undergraduate research experience prepared de Freitas for his graduate studies in Computer Science on the AI track, here is what he had to say:

"Graduate school is a big step up in expectations and opportunities, but undergraduate research made that transition smoother than it otherwise would have been. I feel confident reading and reasoning about research papers, and am comfortable developing and pursuing interesting research questions for coursework and journal submissions." - Christopher de Freitas

The Office is so proud of students like Christopher.

The OUR Team: Dr. Annie Isabel Fukushima, Eli Covarrubias, Cindy Greaves, Shelly Parker, Jude Ruelas, and Megan Shannahan

RECOGNIZING BLACK EXCELLENCE



Christopher de Freitas

UROP Alum, Sum & Fall '20

Masters Student, Computer Science, AI Track

<https://christopherdef.github.io>

OUR REMINDERS

DEADLINE

APPLY FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLAR DESIGNATION 'EARLY' DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEB 10

Graduate with an Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation in your transcript. Early deadline: your name appears in the convocation program. Later deadline - you still have the designation in your transcript.

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Criteria for the designation:

- Two semesters of research.
- Presentation at an OUR organized symposia
- Submit to publish your research in the University of Utah's Range: Undergraduate Research Journal.



What if we brought together the best undergraduate research in the state. WE DID.

UTAH CONFERENCE ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

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Open to the Public
Friday, February 17
8AM-9PM
Union & Alumni House

Search the digital schedule

Download the program as an e-pub or pdf.

OUR EVENTS

Meaningful University-Community Partnerships
Ang Antunes
Gender Studies
Adrienne Cachelin
Environmental and Sustainability Studies
Kim Yapias
Community Research Collaborative

FEB 1
11 AM-12 PM
Virtual

Learn from this panel of experts how community-based undergraduate research can be used as a tool for social justice. They will also share projects that show the creation and maintenance of meaningful partnerships.

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UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EDUCATION SERIES

FEBRUARY 2023

VISIT OUR.UTAH.EDU/URES FOR SPRING SEM SCHEDULE & PRESENTATIONS ON-DEMAND

RESEARCH ADVISING

IRB Lab

Have questions about how to apply for Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval?

Receive peer-mentoring and staff support at OUR monthly workshops.

Monthly, 2-hour Drop-in

For information on schedule and location, visit our.utah.edu/irb-lab

Demystifying Grad School & Tips to Conquer Imposter Syndrome
Dr. Tiffany Baffour
Associate Dean, Graduate Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, The Graduate School

FEB 8
1-2 PM
Virtual

Learn useful info on the grad school app process and how intersectionality, first generation and other identities can impact feelings of imposter syndrome and affect students' journey.



Stress Care
Sabeth Jackson
Associate Director of Prevention Education Center for Student Wellness

FEB 24
11 AM - 12 PM
Virtual

Undergraduate researchers can get a deeper understanding of what stress is and how it shows up in your body. Then learn how to cope with or manage stress, and what resources are available to students are the U.

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Funding Fridays

Receive support with applying for undergraduate research opportunities

- UROP
- SPUR
- Travel & Small Grants
- And more

For more information about how to join visit our.utah.edu/funding-fridays

OUR AWARDS & RECOGNITION

OUR AWARDS

The Office is pleased to announce our Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Awardees (OURA), as well as a new award, the Outstanding Research Mentor Awardees (OURMA). Student and faculty awardees are selected by colleges. For information about who your college contact is, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research. Final selections for awardees are made by March 1st.

To learn more about previous awardees, visit: <https://our.utah.edu/awards>.

OUR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

WHO

WHAT

HOW TO NOMINATE

Undergraduate researchers whose work exemplifies the goals & mission of the OUR. Students may be nominated by their mentor or may nominate themselves (with mentor approval).

Selected students will be featured in the March or April OUR Newsletters with a photo and 3-4 sentences about them, their work, and their research/career aspirations.

Visit <https://ugs.formstack.com/forms/ours2> or scan the QR code and complete the Nomination form.

March Deadlines: Priority: Feb 14 @5PM, Secondary: Feb 23 @5PM

April Deadlines: Priority: Feb 28 @5PM, Secondary: March 14 @5PM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MONSON ESSAY PRIZE: DEADLINE MARCH 1

The Charles H. Monson Essay Prize is an annual prize awarded to an undergraduate who writes an outstanding paper on a subject having to do with social change (the application includes submission of an original piece of work that is 5-20 pages in length).

POST / FIND A RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

REQUEST A PRESENTATION

APPLY FOR TRAVEL & SMALL GRANTS