

Undergraduate Research Scholars Program

The Office of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Research takes great pleasure in announcing the launching of the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program beginning in the '05-'06 academic year. If you are a student with senior standing who is already participating in independent research, you may be eligible to become an Undergraduate Research Scholar. In this inaugural year, applications will be accepted until **Friday, October 7, 2005**. Interested students should direct questions to Dr. Robert Webb, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Research, by e-mail ugr@tamu.edu or phone 979-845-8585.

The goal of this exciting new program is to encourage capable undergraduates to participate actively in research projects and to give them the opportunity to communicate their research findings as principal authors to the university's research community.

To qualify for participation in this program, students must have completed at least 60 hours of undergraduate courses with at least 24 hours at TAMU (or with the approval of the students' Dean) and have and maintain TAMU GPRs of 3.0 or higher. Students are admitted into the program with the approval of the students' Department Head or their designee. Students who successfully complete this program will receive public recognition as a "Research Scholar."

Students interested in learning more about this program are urged to contact Robert C. Webb, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Research, at ugr@tamu.edu. In addition, faculty who know of potential candidates for this program are urged to encourage them to apply.

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PROGRAM

As a capable undergraduate student, this program enables you to actively participate in independent research projects, encourages you to communicate your research as an author to the research community, makes you more competitive for national fellowships, and prepares you for graduate studies. Success of your project will be recognized by the Office of Undergraduate Research at an awards ceremony in the spring of 2006.

REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate in the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program you must:

- have completed at least 60 hours of undergraduate coursework, 24 of which must have been completed at Texas A&M University (or with the approval of your college dean);
- have and maintain a Texas A&M GPR of 3.0 or higher;
- obtain approval from your department head or his/her designee; and
- **already be participating in independent research (for eligibility this Fall 2005 semester).**

To complete the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program you must:

1. Find a member of the graduate faculty conducting research who agrees to serve as your Undergraduate Research Scholar Advisor.
2. Submit a research proposal of approximately 1000 words that is approved by your Undergraduate Research Scholar Advisor, your advisor's department head, and your own department head (if different).
3. Actively participate in a research project for at least (1) two long semesters, (2) one long semester and one 10-week summer term, or (3) two 10-week summer terms.
4. Successfully complete a minimum of 6 credit hours devoted to your independent research project in courses such as 484, 485, 491 or 497.

5. Submit a progress report after the first semester of research to your Undergraduate Research Scholar Advisor.
6. Submit a manuscript to your Undergraduate Research Scholar Advisor in a format suitable for publication in a professional research or scholarly journal. Manuscripts submitted for the completion of the program will be archived in the Sterling C. Evans Library at Texas A&M University.
7. Present the results of this work in a public forum.
8. Be recommended for graduation with the distinction of Undergraduate Research Scholar by your Undergraduate Research Scholar Advisor, your advisor's department head, and your own department head (if different).

Exceptions to the above must be approved by your Undergraduate Research Scholar Advisor, your department head, and the Office of Undergraduate Research.

DEADLINES

For the 2005-2006 academic year, the Office of Undergraduate Research will be accepting applications until Friday, October 7, 2005.