

DISCOVERY

A special edition newsletter from the Office of Undergraduate Research, a unit of the Office of Research and Engagement

Funding for Fall Research Assistants

Designed to support both faculty and student engagement and collaboration while pursuing original research and exposing the student to the research process.

- Faculty will receive \$2,000 to pay the student researcher and a \$250 stipend for materials.
- The deadline to apply for Fall 2017 funding is August 25, 2017.

To read more about the program or to apply, visit:
<http://ugresearch.utk.edu/faculty/office-of-undergraduate-research-semester-research-assistants-program/>



Judges needed for International Competition

The Undergraduate Awards (UA) needs judges for 2017 for all 25 judging panels.

As a UA judge, you will be collaborating with an international panel of volunteer high-profile academics to assess and identify excellent research from top-performing undergraduates around the world. You will be responsible for choosing the winning papers of the 2017 program.

"Being a UA Judge put me in touch with colleagues worldwide, that I never would have met otherwise, and in touch with an incredible pool of undergraduate talent" – Prof Fafak, 2016 Judging Chair of the Literature category.

The Judging Process 2017 will commence mid-June and operates in a 3-stage judging process where the top 10% (Highly Commended Entrants) will be identified in mid-August and the Global Winners in early-September.

To read more about judging or to sign up visit
<http://www.undergraduateawards.com/get-involved/judges/>

Encourage Student Applications to the Undergraduate Awards

UA is the world's largest and only pan-discipline international academic awards program, uniquely identifying and connecting the smartest and most innovative undergraduates across the sciences, humanities, business and creative arts. Please encourage your students to submit to this year's competition by sending them to the [website](#).

Why should students apply?

- Earn international recognition for work they've already done!
- Receive access to the exclusive UA Alumni Portal
- Win a trip to the UA Global Summit in Dublin, Ireland
- Have their work profiled in The Undergraduate Journal 2017 (optional, this allows submission of work being submitted to other journals, etc...)

Travel Grants

Applications are currently open for travel grants for the summer and fall semesters. These grants are available to support full-time undergraduate students who have been accepted to present their undergraduate research and creative works at a non-UT sponsored conference or event. Please encourage your students to apply.

[Travel Grants page and application.](#)



Survey of 2016-17 Undergraduate Research

We have received just over 50% of last year's response rate to our survey of 2016-17 undergraduate research activity. Please take a few minutes and complete the survey. All data will be aggregated and individual faculty will not be identified in data summaries or reports.

All faculty (teaching and research) are invited to complete the survey, regardless if you currently mentor undergraduates. All respondents are eligible to enter a drawing for one of two \$500 travel grants to be transferred to your departmental account.

[Survey Link](#)

Add a new...

course taught	academic advising
experiential learning activity	doctoral dissertation or capstone committee (Student Supervision)
master's thesis committee (Student Supervision)	undergraduate honors thesis (Student Supervision)
student research (Student Supervision)	internship or fieldwork (Student Supervision)
teaching activity (Student Supervision)	other activity (Student Supervision)
workshop attended (Faculty Development)	certification earned (Faculty Development)

Enter your student researchers into Elements

Starting now, you can enter your undergraduate research assistants and mentoring in Elements, the Faculty Activity Reporting system (FAR).

1. Log into Elements.
2. In Teaching Activities, choose 'add'
3. Choose 'student research (Student Supervision)'
4. Enter the student's name, net id (from their email address), the project name, and the dates of participation.

This data will now carry forward and allow for you to keep a running count of your mentorship in research. You can enter past students as well if you would like your data all in one place.

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