

DISCOVERY

A monthly newsletter from the Office of Undergraduate Research, a unit of the [Office of Research and Engagement](#)



Biosystems Engineering Undergraduate Aims to Solve Industry Feud

Madison Oehler is a senior in biosystems engineering who is working to settle an argument between contractors and emitter tubing companies. We caught up with her at the East Tennessee Research and Education Center in East Knoxville, where she gave some advice for other undergraduates looking to find a research internship.

[Check out the full article here.](#)

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Call for Undergraduate Research Highlights

Undergraduate Research Highlights, which appear on the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) website and in their journal, *Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research*, are brief descriptions of peer-reviewed research/scholarly work that has appeared in academic journals, books and book chapters, web-based publications, and juried performances.

Highlights should be from the past six months, be in print, and include one or more undergraduate coauthors.

Submit a publication for consideration [here](#).



Uncovering Ancient Artifacts

See what some of UT's undergraduates uncovered this summer at the 'Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project, a 3-week archaeological excursion in Jordan. This program is led by Erin Darby, professor of religious studies, and Robert Darby, lecturer in the School of Art and is available to undergraduates from all disciplines.

Want to join the dig? The next 'Dig Jordan' expedition will take place in summer 2021.

[More info here.](#)

December Graduates: Request a Cord or Medallion

We've got graduation bling! If you participated in research in your undergraduate years, you may qualify to receive a cord or medallion to be worn at graduation. There are two levels of recognition: Excellence in Undergraduate Research (cord) and Distinction in Undergraduate Research (medallion). A student may earn both recognitions.



[Check the list of items on our website](#) to see if you qualify.



Nominations Open for Chancellor's Honors Awards

Get recognized for your hard work. We are now taking nominations for two undergraduate research awards to be presented at the Chancellor's

Honors Banquet in the Spring. The deadline to make your nomination is December 6, 2019.

[Undergraduate Researcher of the Year](#)

[Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year](#)

Work for us!

We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated students to join our office as an Undergraduate Research Peer Mentor. As a peer mentor, you would provide undergraduate research assistance on a peer-to-peer level, and serve as a liaison between students and staff. Job description, qualifications, and [application can be found on Handshake](#).



Research Abroad This Summer

See the world and conduct research at the same time. Join an ongoing research project for 8 weeks in the summer in one of 9 countries: Australia, Chile, China, Japan, England, Ireland, New Zealand, South Korea, or Spain. Open to all disciplines.

[Application deadline is December 6, 2019.](#)

Explore - Research Position Database

Are you looking for undergraduate research opportunities?

Use EXPLORE to search for faculty by academic department, view open on-campus research positions, and view off-campus research opportunities.



Log in to ugexplore.utk.edu using your UT NetID and search and apply for positions. Keep checking, we post new openings frequently.

Important Dates

November 1 - [Spring Semester Research Assistants](#) Application Opens

November 1 - [Posters at the Capitol](#) Applications Due

November 5, 4-5pm - [Research in Arts](#) Reception (Blount Hall Lobby)

November 6, 3:45pm - [Summer Internships at Oak Ridge National Lab and the NSF REU Program seminar](#) (Hodges 220E)

November 8 - [Posters on the Hill](#) Applications Due

November 20 - [Spring Research Assistants Application Deadline](#)

December 6 - [Summer International Research Opportunities Program Deadline](#)

December 6 - Deadline for Chancellors Honors Award Nominations ([Faculty Mentor](#) and [Undergraduate Researcher](#))

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