



Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities

Undergraduate Research Support Program

Faculty-student collaboration is one of the core strengths of UIS, a powerful partnership for learning and development. Professors enjoy sharing their labs and taking students into the field. Students are also encouraged to pursue independent research projects, under the guidance of experienced researchers. Many of our students go on to publish their findings and present at regional and national conferences.

UIS supports student research through grants for research supplies, travel, and printing costs. The Undergraduate Research Support Program also provides workshops to help students at the different stages of a research project.



Research Opportunities

- Arts
- Humanities
- Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Behavioral Sciences
- Professional Programs

Distinction

- UIS sponsors an annual **Student Arts and Research Symposium (StARS)**, which celebrates the active scholarly inquiry and creative endeavors of students. The Symposium showcases the creative work and research of students, who present to peers, mentors, and other members of the UIS community during the two-day event.
- Research collaborations extend beyond campus. UIS students have the opportunity to work on projects of state and national significance with researchers from such entities as the Illinois State Museum, Illinois state government agencies, the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, and the Council of Public Liberal Arts and Colleges (COPLAC).



Student-Centered Engagement Experiences

Undergraduate research, scholarly and creative activities are a great way for you to integrate what you've learned in the classroom by applying it to a real-life situation and coming up with an original solution. An independent scholarly project prepares you for the next step in your career, whether it's a job, starting your own business, or going to professional or graduate school.

The critical thinking and communication skills you develop will help you be a leader in your field. In addition, having a faculty mentor who knows you gives you an important reference as you enter the marketplace.

How to do an undergraduate research project:

- Talk with your faculty advisor
- Enroll in a research methods course
- Expand a term paper into a thesis
- Apply for a research internship
- Reflect on your art show or music/theater performance
- Present at the annual Student Arts & Research Symposium (StARS)
- Publish creative works in *Alchemist Review*

UIS Research Centers and Academic Facilities

- Center for State Policy and Leadership
- Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies
- Survey Research Office
- The Papers of Abraham Lincoln
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Laboratory
- Center for Business and Regulation
- Norris L Brookens Library
- Center for Online Learning, Research and Service
- Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon
- Barber Research Observatory



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