Greetings from the Office of Undergraduate Research! We hope everyone is ready for an exciting year! Please read on for highlights for the month ahead and share with students and colleagues.

**Online Workshops**

OUR’s August and September lineup of workshops includes both introductory and more specialized workshops. Access workshop links and a full listing of workshops and information sessions [here](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/workshops/).

We strongly recommend that students attend OUR’s Getting Started in Undergraduate Research workshop to learn about undergraduate research at UConn and how to develop a proactive strategy to get involved.

**Getting Started in Undergraduate Research**

Are you interested in research but not sure how to get started? Join us to identify your goals for your participation in research and to develop a strategy for pursuing research opportunities at UConn and beyond.

* Thursday, August 24, 1:00-2:00pm, Online
* Wednesday, August 30, 4:00-5:00pm, Online
* Friday, September 8, 12:15-1:15pm, Rowe 122
* Wednesday, September 13, 10:00-11:00am, Online
* Tuesday, September 19, 4:00-5:00pm, Oak 235
* Monday, September 25, 4:00-5:00pm, Online

**\*New Workshop: Finding a Research Mentor**

Are you interested in finding a mentor for research? Attend this session to learn more about how to find and ask for someone to be your research mentor, as well as pitfalls to avoid in the process.

* Friday, September 1, 3:30-5:00pm, McHugh 108
* Tuesday, September 5, 3:30-5:00pm, Rowe 320

**Fall Frontiers 2023**

The 11th Annual Fall Frontiers Undergraduate Research Exhibition will be held in-person on the Storrs campus. Mark your calendars and join us on **Wednesday, October 18, from 5-7pm** in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room.

**All students are welcome to share their research and creative projects at Fall Frontiers.** The submission form will open on September 18th and close on October 3rd. Access the submission form, as well as information for presenters and guests, on the [Fall Frontiers 2023 webpage](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/fallfrontiers2023/).

**October is the Month of Discovery**

The **Month of Discovery** showcases exciting programs aimed at engaging undergraduate students in UConn’s rich culture of research, entrepreneurship, and innovation. It is an initiative of the Office of First Year Programs and Learning Communities, the Office of Undergraduate Research, and the Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. The main objective of the Month of Discovery is to expand students’ awareness of the breadth of opportunities available to them at UConn. Full details about the month’s events will be shared at [s.uconn.edu/discovery](https://discovery.fyp.uconn.edu/).

**Funding Program Deadlines**

[Change Grants – UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/change/), deadlines 9/30/23, 10/31/23. and 11/30/23

UConn undergraduates in all majors can apply for up to $2000 in funding to support student-designed and/or student-led community service, research, advocacy, or social innovation projects. Applications are accepted from individuals and from small groups (no more than 3 people) who will be working collaboratively or co-leading an initiative.

[UConn IDEA Grants](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/idea/), summer funding deadline 12/8/23

The UConn IDEA Grant program awards funding to support student-designed and student-led projects, including creative endeavors, community service initiatives, entrepreneurial ventures, research projects, and other original and innovative projects. Upcoming [information sessions](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/workshops/):

* Thursday, September 7, 2:00-3:00pm, Online
* Thursday, November 9, 4:00-5:00pm, Oak 106
* Friday, November 10, 12:15-1:15pm, Online

[Summer Undergraduate Research Fund (SURF) Awards](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/surf/), deadline 1/29/24

SURF Awards provide up to $4,500 to support UConn undergraduate students’ intensive engagement in summer research or creative projects. Come learn about the program at upcoming [information sessions](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/workshops/):

* Wednesday, November 8, 4:00-5:00pm, Online
* Thursday, November 16, 4:00-5:00pm, Oak 106
* Tuesday, November 26, 4:00-5:00pm, Rowe 320
* Monday, December 4, 4:00-5:00pm, Online

[Health Research Program](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/hrp/), deadline 1/29/24

The Health Research Program offers a pathway into undergraduate research for students with interests in health and the biomedical sciences. This program connects students with UConn Health researchers for a full-time summer research experience ($4,000 stipend for 10-week experience) that continues for credit during the academic year. Information sessions will be offered in late fall.

OUR’s [Conference Presentation Awards](http://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/conference-awards/), [Research Travel Awards](http://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/travel-awards/), and [Supply Awards](http://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/supply-awards/) programs are now accepting applications from students. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

**Advising**

* [Meet with a Peer Research Ambassador](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/meet-with-a-pra/) via a virtual, individual appointment. (And make sure to check out the [Student Research Blog](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/category/pra-blog/) for more advice from OUR’s team of peer mentors!)
* [Meet with an OUR Advisor](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/meet-with-an-our-advisor/); both in-person and virtual advising appointments are available.

Thank you so much! Please be in touch with any questions and any contacts we should add to our distribution list for these messages.