

Greetings from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Happy Halloween! Please read on for highlights for the month ahead and share with students and colleagues.

[PRISMATIC](#) – the President’s Research Investment in Sustainability Measures, Actions, Technologies, Initiatives, and Communities – is set for launch, with funding opportunities available to undergraduate students. The initiative supports President Radenka Maric’s pledge to reduce UConn’s carbon footprint steadily and reach a state of carbon neutrality by 2030, as well as the Board of Trustees’ declaration affirming the University’s commitment to sustainability.

Online Workshops

OUR’s November lineup of workshops includes both introductory and more specialized workshops. Access workshop links and a full listing of workshops and information sessions [here](#).

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, November 9, 2-3pm, Online
- Wednesday, November 15, 2:30-3:30pm, McHugh 108

Letters of Recommendation: Who and How to Ask

Are you applying for research opportunities or funding programs that require letters of recommendation, either inside or outside UConn? Attend this session to learn more about who and how to ask for a recommendation, as well as pitfalls to avoid in the process.

- Wednesday, November 15, 4-5pm, Online
- Thursday, November 30, 4-5pm, Online

Finding Summer Research Opportunities. In this session, we will discuss strategies and resources for identifying programs that fit your goals and interests, the application process, and tips for making the most of a summer opportunity.

- Tuesday, November 14, 4-5pm, Online
- Wednesday, November 29, 4-5pm, McHugh 108

Funding Program Deadlines

[Change Grants – UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program](#), fall deadlines 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](#), 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](#):

- Thursday, November 9, 4-5pm, Oak 106
- Friday, November 10, 12:15-1:15pm, Online

[Summer Undergraduate Research Fund \(SURF\) Awards](#), 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](#):

- Wednesday, November 8, 4-5pm, Online
- Tuesday, November 14, 5-6pm, McHugh 110
- Tuesday, November 28, 4-5pm, Rowe 320

[Health Research Program](#), 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. Upcoming [information sessions](#):

- Monday, November 13, 4-5, McHugh 110
- Tuesday, December 5, 4-5pm, Online

Student Presentation Events

- UConn Change Grant recipient Cameron Slocum's BFA exhibition, [Material World: Design for a Healthful and Equitable Future](#), is on display throughout the semester with an exhibit reception on November 1st from 3-5pm in Gant Science Complex Light Court. Cameron's research, planning, and construction demonstrate real-life examples of attainable alternatives. The project personifies the designer's re-imagination of material culture in the design sphere. Each component used in *Material World* was selected after careful research regarding total life cycle and holistic sustainable properties. The exhibit consists of compostable [mycelium](#) panels, [formaldehyde-free plywood](#), [Global Organic Textile Standard \(GOTS\) certified cotton canvas](#), [VOC-free milk paint](#), and locally-sourced wood from the [UConn Forest](#). Material samples—intended to be touched—provide an opportunity for visitors to learn about the diverse qualities of sustainable materials.

Advising

- [Meet with a Peer Research Ambassador](#) via a virtual, individual appointment. (And make sure to check out the [Student Research Blog](#) for more advice from OUR's team of peer mentors!)
- [Meet with an OUR Advisor](#); both in-person and virtual advising appointments are available.

Save the Date: Frontiers 2024

The 27th Annual Frontiers in Undergraduate Research Poster Exhibition will be held on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13, 2024. Please mark your calendars!

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