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

**Month of Discovery**

The [**Month of Discovery**](https://discovery.fyp.uconn.edu/) showcases exciting programs aimed at engaging undergraduate students in UConn’s rich culture of research, creativity, entrepreneurship, and innovation. It is an initiative of the Office of First Year Programs and Learning Communities, the Office of Undergraduate Research, the Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and OPIM Innovate. The main objective of the Month of Discovery is to expand students’ awareness of the breadth of opportunities available to them at UConn. Through the [Discovery Quest](https://discovery.fyp.uconn.edu/discovery-quest/) challenge, students can earn points toward tiered and grand prizes in recognition of their engagement and exploration.

Full details about the month’s events – which include the 4 signature events below, as well as 20+ partner events – are available at [s.uconn.edu/discovery](https://discovery.fyp.uconn.edu/).

[***Makerspace Bounce***](https://innovatelabs.uconn.edu/makerspace-bounce/) ***– Thursday, 10/5, 3-7pm, Student Union Mall***

Bounce between UConn's four makerspaces – OPIM Innovate, Innovate Wellness, the UConn Library Maker Studio, and the Innovation Zone – through a scavenger hunt like no other. Get your passport stamped at a makerspace to gain access to the carnival on the SU Mall, including bounce houses, snow cones, and cotton candy. Jumpstart your creativity, bounce some ideas around, and get making!

[***Research Connections***](https://fyp.uconn.edu/researchconnections/) ***– Thursday, 10/12, 3-5pm, Werth Tower***

Research Connections helps first and second year students explore UConn’s R1 culture through conversations with dozens of participating researchers. Attend this event to learn about the range of research and creative projects being pursued at UConn and how engagement in inquiry can enrich and transform your undergraduate experience.

[***Fall Frontiers Poster Exhibition***](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/fallfrontiers2023/) ***– Wednesday, 10/18, 5-7pm, Wilbur Cross North Reading Room***

Fall Frontiers is one of two annual undergraduate research poster exhibitions at which students from across the university share their research and creative projects, offering an unparalleled opportunity for students to learn about the diversity of projects their peers have pursued. Come see what UConn students have explored, created, and discovered!

**Students wishing to present their projects (in person or online) must apply by Monday, October 3rd. Full details** [**here**](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/fallfrontiers2023/)**.**

[***Experience Innovation Expo***](https://entrepreneurship.uconn.edu/events/experience-innovation-expo/) ***– Monday, 10/23, 12-3pm, Student Union Ballroom***

The Expo is an opportunity for students to discover the wide range of programs and resources facilitating entrepreneurship, innovation, and creativity at the university. Students will have hands on opportunities to explore what's available to them as well as to network with peers who have been involved with Werth Institute member offerings.

**Workshops – Online and In Person**

Access workshop links and a full listing of fall workshops and information sessions [here](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/workshops/).

* Getting Started in Undergraduate Research – Thursday, 10/12, 12:30-1:30pm, Online
* UConn IDEA Grant Information Session – Friday, 10/13, 3-4pm, McHugh 110
* Getting Started in Undergraduate Research – Friday, 10/20, 10-11am, Rowe 318
* Getting Started in Undergraduate Research – Tuesday, 10/24, 3:30-4:30pm, Online
* Getting Started in Undergraduate Research – Monday, 10/30, 4-5pm, McHugh 110

These October workshops are partner events in the Month of Discovery and additional opportunities for students to earn Discovery Quest points!

**Funding Program Deadlines**

[Change Grants – UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/change/), 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.

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.

Please note: For 2023-24, we will be focusing resources in support of [SHARE Virtual Summer Apprenticeships](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/share-summer/), rather than also offering spring semester SHARE Awards.

**Advising**

* [Meet with a Peer Research Ambassador](https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/meet-with-a-pra/) via a virtual, individual appointment.
* [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.