Transfer Student: Undergraduate Research Track

Year 3: Summer

- **STEM Students** - Apply to the OURI NSF T-LEARN program - science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) students are invited to become a part of a supportive learning community, get involved in undergraduate research, and build the skills for academic and career success.
- Attend the OURI annual Summer student showcase (email ouri@fau.edu and ask to be invited)
- Start looking for a mentor early - see below.

Year 3: Fall

- Visit OURI (GS 212) and meet an OURI peer mentor – discussion of how to find a research mentor (e.g., https://researchhub.fau.edu/)
- Attend OURI workshops e.g., How to Apply for a Grant, Research Ethics
- Identify a research mentor and begin conversations with the mentor
- Complete CITI training – Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) modules and other research training as discussed with your faculty mentor
- Possibly apply to present your project a regional or national conference (consult with your faculty mentor)
  - Life Sciences South Florida Symposium
  - Florida Undergraduate Research Conference
  - National Conference on Undergraduate Research
  - Posters on the Hill
- Discuss with your mentor your eligibility for the Barry Goldwater Scholarship

Year 3: Spring

- Meet with research faculty mentor and begin working on research project
- Collaborate with faculty mentor to apply for an OURI Undergraduate Research Grant or the FAU WAVE Competition.
- Attend or present at the OURI Undergraduate Research Symposium in Spring
- Apply for an internal/external summer research experience for undergraduates
  - OURI Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
  - NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates
  - Other research funding opportunities
- Consider applying to be an OURI Peer Mentor
- Submit your research to the Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal or to other regional or national journals (consult with your faculty mentor)

Year 4: Summer

- Strongly recommended: Continue working with faculty mentor in research and/or participate in a summer research fellowship outside of FAU
Year 4: Fall and Spring

- Continue working with faculty mentor in research
- Present your research at the OURI Undergraduate Research Symposium in Spring
- Present your project a regional or national conference (consult with your faculty mentor)
  - Life Sciences South Florida Symposium
  - Florida Undergraduate Research Conference
  - National Conference on Undergraduate Research
  - Posters on the Hill
- Submitting your research to the Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal or to other regional or national journals (consult with your faculty mentor)

Other opportunities to consider:

- Apply for Honors in the Major Programs (Year 3 if applicable)
- Barry Goldwater Scholarship: sophomores and juniors who plan to go to grad school (Research focused)
- NSF GRFP: STEM graduate scholarships for research-focused graduate students (Seniors eligible)

Contact Information

Please contact an OURI peer mentor dedicated to your academic college for additional inquiries

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