

Undergraduate Research Flight Plan: National Merit Scholars Track

Year 1: Fall

- OURI to visit SLS Classes in the fall semester to discuss how to get started in research
- Visit OURI (GS 212) and meet an [OURI peer mentor](#) – discussion of how to find a research mentor (e.g., [TeamSparX](#))
- Attend one [OURI workshop](#) e.g., How to Get Started, 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

Year 1: 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](#) (Faculty mentor applies)
 - [NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates](#)
 - Other [research funding opportunities](#)

Year 1: Summer

- Strongly recommended: Continue working with faculty mentor in research and/or participate in a summer research experience inside or outside of FAU.

Year 2:

- Apply for [Honors in the Major Programs](#)
- Continue working with faculty mentor in research
- Present your research at a regional or national conference (consult with your faculty mentor)
 - [Life Sciences South Florida \(LSSF\)](#)- Regional and STEM-focused
 - [Florida Undergraduate Research Conference \(FURC\)](#)- Statewide
 - [National Conference on Undergraduate Research \(NCUR\)](#)- National

Years 3 and 4:

- Apply for an external summer research experience for undergraduates
 - [NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates](#)
 - Other [research funding opportunities](#)
- Submitting your research to the [Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal](#) or to other regional or national journals (consult with your faculty mentor)
- [Barry Goldwater Scholarship](#): - sophomores and juniors planning to go to grad school
- [NSF GRFP](#) - STEM graduate scholarships for research-focused graduate students (Seniors eligible)
- Other [Prestigious Fellowships](#) opportunities

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