

First Year Student: Undergraduate Research Track

Year 1: Fall

- Apply to the OURI [NSF LEARN program](#)- invites science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) students to become a part of a supportive learning community, get involved in undergraduate research, and build the skills for academic and career success.
- 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

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](#)
- 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](#)

Year 1: Summer

- Strongly recommended: Continue working with faculty mentor in research and/or participate in a Summer research fellowship outside of FAU

Year 2:

- 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
 - Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC)- Statewide
 - National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)- National

Other opportunities to consider:

- Apply for [Honors in the Major Programs](#)
- 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 who plan to go to grad school (Research focused)
- [NSF GRFP](#): STEM graduate scholarships for research-focused graduate students (Seniors eligible)

Contact Information

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