



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate
Research and Inquiry

2025-2026 Undergraduate Researcher of the Year Winners

Each year the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI) invites nominations for the Annual *Undergraduate Researcher of the Year* awards. One student from every college is selected for this award and is recognized at the annual Honors Convocation with an "Undergraduate Research Scholar" stole to wear during their graduation ceremony. These selected students are in good academic standing, have participated in at least two semesters of documented faculty-mentored undergraduate research and inquiry at FAU, and often have presented at multiple conferences and symposia, engaged in additional research activities, and even published their research as an undergraduate!

The 2025-2026 Awardees:

Undergraduate Researcher of the Year	College	Faculty Mentor
Kezia Abraham	Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters	Katharina Rynkiewich
Taylor Smith	College of Business <i>Allen E. Smith Awardee</i>	Monica Escaleras & Eric Levy
Isabelle Yi	College of Education	Maria Vasquez-Colina
Mark Zagha	College of Engineering & Computer Science	George Sklivanitis
Shyla Grant	Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College	Tracy Mincer
Adina Silverstein	Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine	Ceylan Isgor
Sarah Lievano	Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing	Lisa Wiese
Kayla Mosteller	Charles E. Schmidt College of Science	Tiffany Roberts Briggs