



2025-2026 Undergraduate Researcher of the Year Award

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI) invites nominations for the Annual *Undergraduate Researcher of the Year* (UROY) awards. Each year one student from every college is selected for this award. Students are recognized at the annual Honors Convocation and receive a \$500 stipend and an "Undergraduate Research Scholar" stole to wear during their graduation ceremony.

Nomination Deadline: Last Friday in January (February 2nd, 2026)

Eligibility

- Must have at least two semesters of documented faculty-mentored undergraduate research experience at FAU within the past calendar year
- Must be an actively enrolled student at FAU during the semester the awards are given (Spring) (Note: all research in the previous calendar year [January-December] must have been conducted as an undergraduate)
- Must be in good academic standing at FAU
- Must agree to present at the annual OURI Undergraduate Research Symposium in April (oral presentation preferred)

Application and Review Process

- All applications should be completed and on Survey Monkey apply by the first Friday of February.
- Applications must be complete to be considered (see application and evaluation criteria below). Self-nominations are encouraged.
- Names of nominees sent to college deans for final selection.
- College deans and their respective committees will be asked to select one student from their college based on student involvement in research, inquiry, or scholarly activities. The name of the college awardee is submitted to OURI.
- Selected undergraduate Researcher of the Year are recognized at the annual Honors Convocation in April.

Timeline

Friday, February 2nd, 2026

Nominations and Applications due

Monday, February 9th, 2026

Names and applications of nominees will be sent to college deans for selection

Monday, February 23rd, 2026

Names of final college awardees due to OURI from deans

Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

Announcement of *Undergraduate Researchers of the Year* at Honors Convocation

Application and Evaluation Criteria

A complete application should include:

1. Completed Online Nomination Form.
2. Current Resume or curriculum vitae of the student (Maximum 5 pages), including the following if applicable:
 - a. Evidence of all undergraduate research and inquiry participation.
 - b. Evidence of research achievements. This could include presentations, exhibitions, publications, competitions, awarded grants, etc.
3. A letter of support from faculty research mentor.

Note: The evaluation is based on the quality and quantity of research conducted by the FAU student. Students are also categorized by their mentor's college.