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Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program
WHAT MATTERS IN COLLEGE?

- The quantity and quality of interactions with faculty outside the classroom.
- Support and validation of students academic and social lives.
- The nature of a student’s peer group.
- Opportunities to make challenging coursework applicable and relevant.
PROGRAM RATIONALE

- Close contact with faculty outside the classroom is key to success and retention for students.

- Invitations to participate in faculty research validates students: “you belong in this field, to this college, and at this university”.

- Students are not consistently invited to participate in faculty scholarly and creative activities and may be made to feel unwelcome.

- Undergraduate research is a non-remedial approach to student success.
UROP Program

- 90 first and second year students
- Academic year program
- Open to all colleges
- Peer advising program
- Faculty participation in a campus wide student success effort
- Research seminars
UROP Program Components

- Research Activities
  - students spend 6-12 hours per week engaged in research activities

- Research Seminars
  - students enroll in a 1-unit research seminar

- Individual Peer Advising
  - students meet bi-weekly with peer advisors to follow progress of research project, talk about academic experiences
UROP Research Projects

- 21st Century Sex: Contemporary Issues in Pleasure and Safety
- Anonymous Internet Surfing
- Redes literarias: textos en contexto y conversación (Literary Webs: Texts in Context and Conversation)
- African American Parents of College Educated Black Men
- Advanced Studies in the Musical Art of Stage Lighting Design
- Ethnocultural Influences on Women's Experiences of and Responses to Intimate Partner Violence
- Investigating the Role of the Innate Immune System in Atherosclerosis
UROP Research Activities

- Library Research
- Book Development
- Course Development
- Laboratory Research
- Community-Based Intervention Research
- Survey Research
- Performing & Visual Arts
STUDENT COMPENSATION

- Academic credit for research seminar
- Compensation $12.00 per hour
Faculty Benefits

- Professional Development Compensation $500 per student
- Potential to have a long-term research assistant
- Consultations with faculty director to develop projects
- Optional faculty development workshops in Spring semester