

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROCESS



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INTERESTED IN RESEARCH?

- **Meet with Undergraduate advisor Anastasia Elder, Ph.D.**

Any MSU student (not just Honors College students) can meet with Dr. Elder to find research opportunities and be paired with a mentor.

To schedule a meeting with Dr. Anastasia Elder contact the Honors College main office at 662-325-2522.

- **Conduct research w/ faculty mentor**

Dr. Elder pairs students with faculty mentors that share their research interests

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CONSIDER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Honors Summer Research Fellowships**

honors.msstate.edu/research/summer-research-fellowships/

Submit an application online

- **NSPARC Fellowships**

honors.msstate.edu/research/internship-support/

Submit an application online

- **MSU Undergraduate and Creative Discovery**

urcd.msstate.edu

On website click on Opportunities and keyword search for specifics

- **Honors Travel Awards**

<https://www.honors.msstate.edu/research/travel-awards/>

- Honors provides grants for Honors students to travel to regional, national, and international meetings to present their research.
- Awards limited to \$750
- Can apply anytime throughout the year
- Can apply multiple times
- Submit an application online

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MEET WITH SUBJECT LIBRARIAN

library.msstate.edu/help/specialist

- Get a broad sense of what's available within your field of research
- Find specific resources that will support your individual research

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APPLY TO PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH

- **Undergraduate Research Symposium on Campus - Spring and Summer**

honors.msstate.edu/research/undergraduate-research-symposium/

The Symposium is an opportunity to showcase faculty-guided student research and creative activity from diverse departments, colleges and research centers across campus. Many undergraduates participate in faculty-guided research and creative activity throughout the year. ALL undergraduates in every program of study, not just honors students, who are involved in faculty-guided research and creative activity are invited and encouraged to participate in the symposium.

- **Categories:**

- Arts and Humanities
- Biological Sciences and Engineering
- Physical Sciences and Engineering
- Social Sciences

Arts and Humanities may present a talk

(powerpoint optional) or poster presentation. All other categories are poster only.

- The symposium is hosted by the Shackouls Honors College in collaboration with the Office of the Provost & Executive Vice President, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center (NSPARC), the Office of Research & Economic Development, the Center for Community-Engaged Learning (spring only), and others.
- If a student is interested in the symposium, he/she should speak with Dr. Elder (*make appointments same way as above*)

- **Other Competitions (Spring Symposium only)**

Students have the option to compete simultaneously in the:

- Community Engagement Research Track,
- Public Health Research Competition,
- and/or Thesis Research Competition.

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DESIGN/PRINT/DISPLAY POSTER

The Digital Media Center at the Mitchell Memorial Library can provide help for the design and printing of your poster. They hold workshops each semester on how to design presentation posters and will print your posters on their large format printer

- **Design Help On-line**
 - **Publisher (Microsoft)**
Link to printable instructional handout: <https://goo.gl/AyY4uv>
Link to YouTube tutorial: <https://goo.gl/Zx9dvn>
 - **InDesign (Adobe)**
Link to printable instructional handout: <https://goo.gl/aOxzQr>
Link to YouTube tutorial: <https://goo.gl/kl3zpz>
- **Workshops** msstate.libcal.com/calendar/events
The library has several classes (at the library and on-line) to help you learn the basics of poster design
- **Printing Poster** library.msstate.edu/documents
 - Submit design to be printed no less than 3 days (Monday-Friday) before you need it
 - Library printing starts at \$7.50 per linear foot
- **Display**
 - Students are responsible for purchasing and/or providing their own:
 - Posters
 - Foam board backing
 - Binder clips or tacks to pin poster to backing board
 - Transportation of the poster and materials to the symposium
 - Setting up his/her poster
 - Display Easels are provided by the Shackouls Honors College
- **One-on-one help**
Call 325-7676 or email sagnew@library.msstate.edu to schedule an appointment
- **Don't forget**
print/digital handout supplements (color printouts) to go with a poster

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POST-PRESENTATION

- **Add Experience to Resume**
- **Submit your research to the MSU Institutional Repository**
ir.library.msstate.edu
Submit your poster, paper, and other various works to the IR through the website.
- **Look for opportunities to present research at:**
 - Southern Regional Honors Council
srhconline.org/
 - Council on Undergraduate Research National Conference
cur.org/what/events/students/ncur/
 - **Look for publication opportunities (undergrad journals, etc.)**
 - cur.org/what/publications/journals/
 - American Journal of Undergraduate Research: ajuronline.org
 - **Ask your advisor for other opportunities**

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