UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROCESS

INTERESTED IN RESEARCH?

• Meet with Undergraduate advisor Dr. Seth F. Oppenheimer
  Any MSU student (not just Honors College students) can meet with Dr. Oppenheimer to find research opportunities and be paired with a mentor.

To schedule a meeting with Dr. Seth Oppenheimer contact the Honors College main office at 662-325-2522 or contact Katelyn Wright: 662-325-5921 or kwright@honors.msstate.edu

• Conduct research w/ faculty mentor
  Dr. Oppenheimer pairs students with faculty mentors that share their research interests

CONSIDER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

• Summer Research Fellowships (Honors Only)
  honors.msstate.edu/research/summer-research-fellowships/
  Financial awards for Honors students pursuing research with MSU faculty during the summer

• MSU Undergraduate Research and Creative Discovery Program (All MSU Students)
  urcd.msstate.edu
  On website click on Opportunities and keyword search for specifics

• NSPARC Fellowships (Honors Only)
  honors.msstate.edu/research/internship-support/
  Internship support for Honors students in the Liberal Arts and Sciences

• Travel Awards (Honors Only)
  honors.msstate.edu/research/travel-awards/
  Grants for Honors students to travel to regional, national, and international meetings to present their research

MEET WITH SUBJECT LIBRARIAN

lib.msstate.edu/help/specialists/

• Get a broad sense of what’s available within your field of research
• Find specific resources that will support your individual research
• Honors College Librarian office hours - guides.library.msstate.edu/honorscollege

APPLY TO PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH

• Mississippi State University’s Undergraduate Research Symposium - Spring and Summer
  honors.msstate.edu/research/undergraduate-research-symposium/
  The Undergraduate Research Symposium is open to all undergraduate students engaged in research and provides the opportunity for students to showcase faculty-guided, cutting edge research and creative activity from diverse departments, colleges, and research centers across campus through poster and oral presentation/performance sessions.
  • Categories:
    • Arts and Humanities – poster or oral presentation/performance (powerpoint optional)
    • Biological Sciences and Engineering – poster presentation
    • Physical Sciences and Engineering – poster presentation
    • Social Sciences – poster presentation

  • The symposium is hosted by the Shackouls Honors College in collaboration with the Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the Center for Community-Engaged Learning (CCEL), the National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center (NSPARC), the Office of Research & Economic Development, the Office of the Provost & Executive Vice President, the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion, and the Graduate School.

  • If a student is interested in the symposium, he/she should speak with Dr. Oppenheimer (make appointments same way as above).

  • Additional Competitive Categories for the Symposium Include (Spring Only):
    • Community Engagement Research Track
    • Public Health Competition
    • Thesis Research Competition (TRC)
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROCESS

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 - search poster design
  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

POST-PRESENTATION

• 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. All symposium winners will submit their posters to Katelyn Wright (see contact info below) to print and display in the library. SHC will cover the cost of printing.

• Look for publication opportunities (undergrad journals, etc.)
  • cur.org/resources/students/undergraduate_journals/
  • American Journal of Undergraduate Research: ajuronline.org
  • Ask your advisor for opportunities

• Add Experience to Resume

FOR INFORMATION

Katelyn Wright
662-325-5921
kwright@honors.msstate.edu

Hillary A. H. Richardson, M.A., M.L.I.S.
662-325-2838
HRichardson@library.msstate.edu