

# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROCESS



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## 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](mailto:kwright@honors.msstate.edu)

- **Conduct research w/ faculty mentor**

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

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## CONSIDER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Summer Research Fellowships (Honors Only)**  
[honors.msstate.edu/research/summer-research-fellowships/](https://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](https://urcd.msstate.edu)

On website click on Opportunities and keyword search for specifics

- **NSPARC Fellowships (Honors Only)**  
[honors.msstate.edu/research/internship-support/](https://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/](https://honors.msstate.edu/research/travel-awards/)  
*Grants for Honors students to travel to regional, national, and international meetings to present their research*

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## MEET WITH SUBJECT LIBRARIAN [lib.msstate.edu/help/specialists/](https://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](https://guides.library.msstate.edu/honorscollege)

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## APPLY TO PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH

- **Mississippi State University's Undergraduate Research Symposium - Spring and Summer**  
[honors.msstate.edu/research/undergraduate-research-symposium/](https://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*).

- **5XX}pbU~ Competitive 7UV[ cf]Ygfor the Symposium -bVM XY fSpring OnlyE**

- Community Engagement Research Track
- Public Health Competition
- Thesis Research Competition (TRC)

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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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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

- **Submit your research to the MSU Institutional Repository**  
[ir.library.msstate.edu](https://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/](https://cur.org/resources/students/undergraduate_journals/)
  - American Journal of Undergraduate Research: [ajuronline.org](https://ajuronline.org)
  - Ask your advisor for opportunities
- **Add Experience to Resume**

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