The Office of Undergraduate Research (O.U.R.)'s main mission is to inspire and help undergraduate students from all majors to explore their field of study or field of interest, with inspiring research projects and creative activities. O.U.R. organizes conferences for all Lamar undergraduate and graduate students to present their findings and research results.

O.U.R.'s role is to be a resourceful office for all undergraduate students in all academic areas at Lamar, who seek to enrich their experiences through active participation in research, as well as scholarly and creative activities on our campus and outside the Lamar environment. O.U.R. offers a wealth of activities including panel discussions, workshops, seminars, faculty talks, advising, etc.

Join our student organization:
Lamar University Undergraduate Research Association (LURA)

“LURA was founded in fall 2019 to fulfill the need for a community by and for undergraduate students to discuss, collaborate, and learn how effectively one can conduct research. The consistent quality and volume of research conducted by undergraduate students at Lamar University has made it clear that there is a need for an organization to act as a vital resource for building young researchers. Thus, LURA provides an academic forum that connects all level students from freshmen to seniors with their professors and mentors, and facilitates communication between Lamar undergraduates and their peers around the nation.

LURA is a platform for offering panel discussions about
- Research opportunities inside and outside Lamar,
- Better ways to deliver undergraduate research results in poster and oral presentations,
- Ways to perform peer-mentoring,
- Organizing workshops and panel discussions on various topics, including how to successfully apply to graduate schools.

LURA is the premier student organization at Lamar University for any undergraduate student interested in doing research. The Office of Undergraduate Research provides strong support and offers logistics to this student organization. Contact LURAmar@gmail.com or visit the Office of Undergraduate Research—Chemistry 115D
O.U.R. warmly invites everyone to attend our conferences, which are showcases of undergraduate research and creative activities at Lamar University. Also, we welcome guest students from other schools in Texas and nearby states. Our conferences are campus-wide celebrations of student research at Lamar, where both undergraduate and graduate students from all academic fields—from Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) to Humanities, Arts, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Education, and Business (HASBSEB) — are welcome to give talks and poster presentations.

For more information, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Research’s website.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) program:**
Each student fellow will get a stipend of $2,000, up to $1,000 in research support, **FREE housing** during the summer at Cardinal Village and an opportunity to present at our fall conferences in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) or Humanities, Arts, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Education, and Business (HASBSEB). Proposals submission deadline — February 20, 2023

**O.U.R. GRANTS:** Each student fellow will get a stipend of **$500**, up to **$1,000** in research support, and an opportunity to present at our Undergraduate Research EXPO event in mid-April. Proposals submission deadline—September 25, 2022

**TRAVEL GRANTS:** OUR offers **up to $500** travel support for research presentations at various conferences outside of Lamar University. Requests for travel support can be submitted to our office at any time.

**O.U.R. can help students to find faculty mentors**
for directing research projects and creative activities

Or visit our mentor Directory at
https://www.lamar.edu/undergraduate-research/mentor-directory/index.html

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**Annual Events Organized by O.U.R.**

2nd Annual SURF Symposium — August 5, 2022

O.U.R. Orientation — September 2, 2022

Panel Discussions for O.U.R. Grant Proposals — September 7 and 12, 2022

10th Texas STEM Conference — November 5, 2022

9th HASBSEB Conference — November 19, 2022

10th Undergraduate Research EXPO — April 14, 2023