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 URA@Lamar.edu or visit the Office of Undergraduate Research—Chemistry 115D

What is O.U.R.’s mission and role at Lamar?

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.

O.U.R. is located in the Chemistry Suite 115

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https://www.lamar.edu/undergraduate-research/index.html
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, 2022

O.U.R. GRANTS: Each student fellow will get a stipend of $500, up to $1,000 in re-
search support, and an opportunity to present at our Undergraduate Research EXPO
event in mid-April.

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

Annual Events Organized by O.U.R.

Workshops — March 16 and April 21, 2022
Panel Discussions — April 8 and 11, 2022
9th Undergraduate Research EXPO — April 13, 2022
SURF 2022 Symposium — Last day of summer classes
10th Texas STEM Conference — October 2022 (TBA)
9th Humanities, Arts, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Education, and
Business Conference — November 2022 (TBA)

Events for year 2022
O.U.R. warmly invites everyone to attend the 9th Undergraduate Research Expo on April 13,
2022, the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Symposium, and the two fall
conferences: The 10th Texas STEM Conference, and The 9th HASBSEB Conference, which are
campus-wide celebrations of Lamar’s undergraduate and graduate research for all academic
fields from Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) to Humanities, Arts, Social and Be-
havioral Sciences, Education, and Business (HASBSEB).