

Existing Resources to Support Undergraduate Research at UW Tacoma

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Funding to support undergraduate students in conducting research with faculty

Stipend support:

UW Washington Research Foundation Fellowships

Eligibility: Full-time, advanced UW undergraduate students in science or engineering; Must have at least 3 quarters of prior research experience; Projects must be guided by a UW faculty member.

Funding: Up to \$8,000 (2-3 quarters)

Deadline: Summer (July)

<https://www.washington.edu/undergradresearch/research-opportunities/academic-year-programs/wrff/>

UW Levinson Emerging Scholars Award

Eligibility: Full-time, advanced UW undergraduate students engaged in biosciences-related research; Must have at least 3 quarters of prior research experience.

Funding: Up to \$8,000 (2-3 quarters)

Deadline: Summer (July)

<https://www.washington.edu/undergradresearch/research-opportunities/academic-year-programs/levinson/>

UW Mary Gates Research Scholarship

Eligibility: Full-time UW undergraduate students in any field; No prior research experience needed, but research must have started by the quarter in which application submitted

Funding: Up to \$5,000 (2 quarters)

Deadlines: Only one application cycle starting in 2025—Autumn (October)

<https://expd.uw.edu/mge/apply/research/>

UW Library Research Award for Undergraduates

Eligibility: UW undergraduate students in any field who are conducting research for UW course credit, and/or the Undergraduate Research Symposium

Funding: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Late April

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/researchaward>

Additional external funding opportunities for undergraduate student researchers:

<https://www.washington.edu/undergradresearch/research-opportunities/academic-year-programs/beyond-uw/>

Additional summer research opportunities open to UW Undergraduate Student Researchers (at UW and beyond):

<http://www.washington.edu/undergradresearch/summer/>

Conference and Travel Support:

UW Tacoma Conference and Training Fund (CTF)

Eligibility: UW Tacoma undergraduate and graduate students who are planning to attend a scholarly or professional conference or training

Funding: Varies by need

Deadlines: Rolling; At least 6-8 weeks prior to conference date

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/involvement/conference-event-funds>

UW Undergraduate Research Conference Travel Awards

Eligibility: UW undergraduate students who are planning to present at a scholarly or professional conference; Must be working with a UW faculty member.

Funding: Varies by need

Deadline: Rolling; Priority deadline is at least 4 weeks prior to conference date

<https://www.washington.edu/undergradresearch/student-resources/communicating-your-research/cta/>

Funding to support faculty in conducting research with undergraduate students (external)

See the UW Undergraduate Research Program website for a comprehensive list of funding opportunities:

<http://www.washington.edu/undergradresearch/mentors/funding/>

Undergraduate student presentation and publication opportunities

Presentation opportunities:

- UW Undergraduate Research Symposium – *Held Annually in May, the Symposium is open to UW students across all disciplines and campuses. Students present in poster or lectern sessions. Applications to submit are due in early February.*

[Undergraduate Research Symposium – Office of Undergraduate Research \(washington.edu\)](#)

Publication opportunities:

- *Access**: *Interdisciplinary Journal of Student Research and Scholarship* (UW Tacoma)
<https://digitalcommons.tacoma.uw.edu/access/>
- *Tahoma West* (UW Tacoma)
<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/tahoma-west>
- *FieldNotes* (UW College of the Environment)
<https://fieldnotesjournal.org/>

Poster design and printing services

Poster design:

- UW Undergraduate Research Presenter Resources - *Open to all students, not just Symposium presenters*
<https://www.washington.edu/urs/presenters/presenter-resources/>
- UW Creative Communications – *Poster design support for fee*
- [Creative Communications](#)
- UW Design Help Desk – *Free advice for UW students, faculty, and staff available on drop-in basis at the Allen Library Research Commons*
<http://depts.washington.edu/deshelp/>

Poster printing:

- UW Tacoma Copy and Mail Center
[Copy & Mail Center Home](#) | [Copy & Mail Center](#) | [University of Washington Tacoma](#)
- UW Seattle Creative Communications
<https://finance.uw.edu/c2/printing-copying/large-format-posters>

Other UW Seattle resources

- UW Research Opportunity Database – *Provides platform for faculty to advertise their research positions, and for students to learn of tri-campus research opportunities*
<https://www.washington.edu/undergradresearch/research-opportunities/find/>

Know of a resource not included here? Let the Office of Research (uwtor@uw.edu) know!