

# Resources for Identifying Trainees

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## Introduction

This is a list to assist COM research faculty in identifying programs involved in promoting research training experiences at the University of Florida.

## Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR)

### CUR Board of Students Peer Mentors

Undergraduate Peer Mentors advise students looking for research opportunities: They assist students **in all departments** to identify projects and help them through the entire process. If you are approached by a student asking you how to find research, feel free to refer them to the CURBS Peer Mentors, to schedule an appointment at <https://cur.aa.ufl.edu/peer-advising/>.

### Research Opportunities Database

In the research opportunities database, faculty can list projects (<https://cur.aa.ufl.edu/research-search/>). Faculty have the option to have it removed after it filled so students do not continue to contact them. Students are able to search using a variety of terms, so this represents all colleges. Please encourage your faculty to join us in providing a comprehensive, user-friendly, and searchable way to connect with research faculty. To Submit: (<https://cur.aa.ufl.edu/become-a-mentor/submit-to-cur-database/>)

### Emerging Scholars Program (ESP)

This small program is a partnership with the COM and CUR and sponsors 5 first time researchers. To be eligible, a student must be a freshman or first semester sophomore that has never done research before. Applications are due to CUR before the Thanksgiving break and they begin research the following January. Students receive a \$1000 award for two semesters of research. For more information go to <https://cur.aa.ufl.edu/emerging-scholars-program/> or contact Mrs. Jennifer Moses, [jmoses@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:jmoses@aa.ufl.edu).

### University Scholars Program

The purpose of the University Scholars Program is to recognize University of Florida undergraduate students who are working closely with UF faculty to pursue fundamental research and scholarly activities. Each year the College of Medicine (COM) selects about thirty such undergraduate students to work in host COM laboratories. For more information please go to: <http://universityscholars.sites.medinfo.ufl.edu/com-participating-faculty/>

If you would like to be added to the list of possible mentors, please send an e-mail to Peter P. Sayeski, Ph.D., Program Director, University Scholars Program University of Florida College of Medicine at [psayeski@ufl.edu](mailto:psayeski@ufl.edu) with your Name, Department Affiliation, Contact information (phone and/or e-mail), A brief description of your research interests or if you are already listed and would like to update your contact information or research interests.

These students are highly motivated and virtually all are considering professional or graduate careers. Additionally, the program will pay each student a stipend of \$1,750. Faculty Research Mentors receive a \$500 Mentor Award. If you currently have an undergraduate student working in your laboratory, the University Scholars Program is an excellent opportunity for them to receive some recognition for their scholarly work. To learn more about the University Scholars Program within the College of Medicine and obtain an application form, please click here (<https://universityscholars.med.ufl.edu/guidelines/>). Questions? Contact Mrs. Jennifer Moses, [jmooses@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:jmooses@aa.ufl.edu).

## Discovery Pathways Program/Medical Student Research Program (MSRP)

Interested medical students will conduct research for approximately 10-weeks under the mentorship of faculty members during the summer break between their first and second year. Students will enroll in a medical elective course and will receive academic credit and a scholarship of at least \$2,000.

Generate a brief description of any research project(s) that you will have available. To ensure consistency, we accept your project description via the online form: <https://discovery.education.med.ufl.edu/msrp/2016-msrp-application-forms/faculty-project-description-form/>

For additional program information please visit the Discovery Pathways Program website: <https://discovery.education.med.ufl.edu/>

For questions please contact: [Discoverypathwaysprogram@ufl.edu](mailto:Discoverypathwaysprogram@ufl.edu)

## The Active Learning Program

The Active Learning Program provides teams of 2-5 trained undergraduate student interns to UF faculty & staff and local non-profit organizations for research and projects that develop, sustain, and improve the community. Any health-related research, outreach, or internship projects are eligible to receive students from our program.

The Active Learning Program recruits and trains student interns and researchers for your project and enrolls them in the ALP course. Your interns will spend the first 3 weeks of the semester receiving in-class training to develop their professional skill sets in leadership, teamwork and collaboration, and effective communication while helping them define their personal and professional mission, values, and strengths. After this training period, students begin working with you on your projects, while continuing to receive professional development and project support from course readings, assignments, and the ALP instructor.

If interested, please complete the application:

[https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9XEgO3nNMxt1LBr](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9XEgO3nNMxt1LBr) If you have any questions or concerns, please email the ALP Coordinator Ms. Angela Melidosian at [a.melidosian@ufl.edu](mailto:a.melidosian@ufl.edu).

## Beyond120 Research

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are looking for Research opportunities: <https://www.advising.ufl.edu/beyond120/research/>.

Contact: Jacob T. Watson, Ph.D.

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Academic Advising Center

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## Pre-Health Post-Bac (PHPB) Program

Students applying to professional graduate healthcare programs are interested in research experiences.

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## University Center for Pre-collegiate Education and Training (CPET)

CPET administers a variety of STEM/Health research education and outreach programs, and annually works with about 350 research faculty and several hundred graduate/professional students, as well as with many educators across FL. Our centerpiece program, the Student Science Training Program (SSTP), places about 100 highly talented high school seniors in research labs each summer (3 college credits). Mary Jo Koroly, PhD also directs the BCH 4905 Science for Life 1 credit course for ~280 undergrads who are interested in exploring the many types of research on campus and who want to join labs early in their college careers.

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Connecting with students interested in Research.

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