Research and Creative Opportunities

Qualified undergraduate students have many opportunities to engage in research and creative activity while enrolled at CSU. These opportunities allow students to enhance their education by working closely with a faculty mentor. Settings for these activities include laboratory, office, concert hall, and studio environments on campus. Some opportunities exist off campus, as well, at state and national laboratories located in and near Fort Collins. Students can identify faculty research and creative activity by contacting the Office of Undergraduate Research and Artistry (http://tilt.colostate.edu/oura) at The Institute for Learning and Teaching, by searching departmental websites, or by contacting advisors or college and departmental offices. Students can then contact faculty who are willing to enlist undergraduates in their research and creative work. The amount of time spent in such activities varies but generally ranges from six to ten hours per week on average. Placement, time commitments, and qualifications are dependent upon an agreement between the student and faculty mentor.

More than 300 performances, exhibits, and arts events are staged each year, from an internationally-recognized poster show to student-produced theater and opera. Facilities include the Hatton and Curfman Galleries, the Music Recital Hall, and the Lory Student Center Theatre. The University Center for the Arts houses the Edna Rizley Griffin Concert Hall (listed by the Denver Post as one of the top five places for live chamber music), the University Theatre, the Studio Theatre, the Runyan Music Hall, production support facilities, recital and rehearsal halls, dance performance space and studios, classrooms, and faculty offices. The campus culture at CSU is steeped in the performing arts.

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Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity Showcase (CURC)

The achievements of students in the areas of research and creativity are recognized each spring semester during CURC (http://curc.colostate.edu). Students are invited to participate in a variety of events focused on original research, creative arts, and design, culminating in a showcase that features outstanding performers and award winners from all disciplines. Award winning projects from recent years ranged from genetic and neural studies to improvements in the apparel design process to poetry.

Graduate Student Showcase

The Graduate Student Showcase (http://gradshow.colostate.edu/Default.aspx) is a one-day conference for students to present their work and talents, to connect with other graduate students and faculty at CSU, to learn about other disciplines at CSU and to gain conference experience. All graduate students involved in research or creativity are encouraged to participate.

MURALS

Multicultural Undergraduate Research Art and Leadership Symposium (MURALS), intentionally reaches out to students of color in a variety of disciplines in preparation for CURC (see above).

Mentoring, presenting their work (creative writing, visual art, performing art, science, social science, humanities), networking, and learning about multicultural leadership are four main aspects of the symposium.

Slated for Spring, MURALS also provides opportunities for graduate students to work with undergraduate students and for faculty to serve as mentors.