





Undergraduate research takes many forms within departments at FHSU, but the unifying concept is collaborative faculty-student work on a scholarly project with the goal of developing generalizable peer-reviewed work as a final product. The FHSU Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) provides resources and assistance to faculty and students interested in undergraduate research and facilitates the collection and dissemination of undergraduate research for the university.

"I think it was very beneficial to work so closely with a faculty mentor, especially one with so much experience in research...in a few years when I'm conducting research on my own and I ask myself the question, 'What would my mentor have done?'"

-Seth, KAMS, Mt Hope, KS



## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Provide unique, student centered opportunities modeled on best pedagogical practices

Increased graduation rates

Increased potential for external grant support

Celebrating student's accomplishments increases exposure and perceived prestige of the school

Increased contact with community

Workforce and economic enhancement

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## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

AT

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The mission of the FHSU Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) is to engage students with faculty and staff mentors in meaningful scholarly activities in alignment with the university's definition of scholarship.

INFORMATION FOR FACULTY & STAFF





#### **BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS**

Enhance student learning - higher order thinking, integrative learning, and reflective learning.

Practical training in thinking and practice.

Enhanced understanding and application.

Personal and professional development.

Deeper understanding of discipline content and processes.

Appreciation for knowledge.

Establishes greater engagement with the university and the discipline (connected alumni more likely to donate).

Increased student retention of students at greater risk of attrition.

Enhanced learning in the discipline.

Increased motivation to learn.

Provides a head start for graduate school; motivates students to pursue graduate school.

Enhanced marketability for graduate school or employment.

## Faculty & Staff

#### BENEFITS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

- Promotes engaged learning.
- Important for recruiting high quality, enthusiastic students.
- Enhanced ability to recruit and retain faculty
- Can energize, enrich and enlighten teaching.
- Faculty active in research make better teachers.
- Enhanced quality and quantity of student interaction.
- Increasing resources (finance, time, equip ment) and support (administrative and collegial).
- Facilitates and stimulates professional development.
- Professional Development helps keep faculty current.
- Increased research productivity and assistance with faculty research agenda.
- Serves as an incubator for other projects.

"It has been nice to have a faculty mentor...but I feel like it's the beginning of a great professional relationship. My mentors could really help give me opportunities I wouldn't have otherwise..."

- Morgan, Wheat Ridge, CO

- Involving motivated students can help to inspire other students and generate interest in the topic/ discipline.
- Personal satisfaction training the next generation, watching students mature intel lectually.
- Students can bring a fresh perspective to the research.
- Helps to identify good students that are interested in independent research projects.
- Increase in faculty morale, self-esteem and satisfaction.
- Research collaborations strengthen the faculty involved.
- Experience in the administrative aspects of running a research program helps prepare faculty for administrative positions.

