

## BENEFITS OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

- ✓ Enhance and extend your learning
- ✓ Contribute to the creation of new knowledge
- ✓ Work with faculty, graduate students or with student teams
- ✓ Explore your scholarly and creative interests
- ✓ Clarify your career goals
- ✓ Prepare for graduate education
- ✓ Improve your critical thinking and problem solving skills
- ✓ Learn more about yourself
- ✓ Increase your marketability for graduate programs and employment
- ✓ Enhance your confidence in your abilities
- ✓ Learn how to learn
- ✓ Meet others who share your passion to discover and create



"I think I learned a lot about myself and the ways in which I learn best...it was very beneficial to work so closely with a faculty mentor, especially one with so much experience in research..."

- Seth, KAMS, Mt Hope, KS



"I have learned so much and I am going into my second year of school...Imagine the possibilities I will have after four years of research...It opens so many doors for any student."

- Morgan, Wheat Ridge, CO

**Getting involved with research exposes you to an enriched learning environment that helps you develop skills and promotes personal, academic and professional growth. Educators, employers, graduate and professional schools understand the value of undergraduate research.**

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## Research is not Just for Scientists



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## Are you ready to do research? Ask yourself:

- Am I willing to take intellectual risks?
- Am I able to follow through and be persistent?
- Am I willing to work hard to learn and master knowledge and new skills?
- What do I hope to gain through my research experience?
- What are my interests?
- What do I know about research in my field?
- How much time can I realistically commit to working on a research project?
- Are there particular skills I need to aid me in my research project?
- Are there courses I should take before doing a particular research project?
- What type of learning environment do I prefer?

Freshman students can also benefit from research experiences. Many faculty and departments have projects suitable for beginners. As your research skills grow, so may your involvement!

## What is it like to be a scholar?

Research and creative activity allows you to seek answers to questions. Research experiences vary and take place in laboratories, libraries, art and music studios, museums, outdoors, and in the community. All disciplines, such as the humanities, arts, sciences, technical, business, and education engage in scholarly activity- with the goal of creating new knowledge or developing new examples of human expression.

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.

### Being a scholar means sharing your results

Musicians perform or compose; artists exhibit the results of their exploration of media. Other ways to share new information and research include publications, presentations and posters. The annual FHSU Research and Creative Activity Week is one way to share the results of your scholarly activity.

