Throughout the semester, our team worked to support you in new and innovative ways as we transitioned back to in-person engagements!

In Spring 2022, CURCE had 1033 individual student engagements through one-on-one student appointments, 9 CURCE events, and 7 collaborative programs with student organizations and campus entities.

34 UAlbany students received funding from CURCE in Spring 2022, with an additional 23 receiving the Presidential Award for Undergraduate Research.

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We cannot wait to continue to engage with students through the upcoming Summer and Fall semesters. Stay safe, stay healthy, and remember we are #OneUAlbany

~The CURCE Team
Summer Research Student Feature

Mya A. Darson

Where are you going this summer?
Mystic Aquarium-University of Connecticut Research Experiences for Undergraduate (REU) Program. I’ll be working on a microplastics project with Dr. Evan Ward (I don't have specifics on the project yet).

What are you looking forward to learning from this experience?
I am looking forward to being able to use my interdisciplinary knowledge of Biology and Environmental Science in a research setting. Also getting to work with faculty and students that share my same interests in marine ecosystems.

How has CURCE helped you in this process?
CURCE has greatly helped me throughout this process. They read over all of my personal statements, cover letters, letters of interest, etc. Even helped me choose between programs and drafting emails to directors. CURCE was an amazing resource that I will continue to use.

What advice would you give someone who is considering applying for summer research?
I would advise them to start very early!! I began looking for programs in October and applied by mid-January. This allowed me to apply to various programs and give ample time to get letters of recommendation, do the writing supplements, and not have to worry about finishing materials on time. I would definitely recommend going to CURCE if you don’t know where to start or just need a second set of eyes to go over your materials. Additionally using the writing supplements to your advantage. The writing supplements are your chance to differentiate yourself from other applicants. They allow you to show your interests/passions, explain any academic issues you may have had (like S/Uing a class), and explain your circumstances.

Mitchell Givens

Where are you going this summer?
I will be flying to California to work at the UC Berkeley SimCenter. While there I will be learning to use data gathering and simulation software to understand and predict the effect of natural disasters on critical infrastructure.

What are you looking forward to learning from this experience?
I look forward to expanding upon my research analytical skills and gain a deeper understanding of natural disasters. My future career interests involve planning for urban resiliency against climate change. I believe this experience will be foundational for developing this aspect of my future career.

How has CURCE helped you in this process?
CURCE was the reason I even knew about this opportunity. At every step of the application, I was supported by CURCE through proof reading and mentoring.

What advise would you give someone who is considering applying for summer research?
I think the key to a good application is persistence and finding mentors you trust. Find time throughout the day to search for new program opportunities and don’t be afraid to reach out for more information or assistance when applying to an internship.

Taína K. Stevens

Where are you going this summer?
I will be going to the Wadsworth Center for the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) for the summer of 2022.

What are you looking forward to learning from this experience?
I am looking forward to learning more about research as a field, learning under a mentor, and presenting my work at the end of the summer.

How has CURCE helped you in this process?
CURCE helped be through a few different ways. The first time I heard about paid summer research opportunities was through an event held by CURCE to help students locate opportunities they were interested in. Later, as I was applying for a few different spots, Casey Kohler assisted me in perfecting my essay. During that meeting, she also informed me about the Wadsworth program and suggested that I apply. That same program offered me a job position a few months later, and I never would have known about it without CURCE.

What advice would you give someone who is considering applying for summer research?
If you are hesitating over applying for summer research, I would say to go for it! You might not think that you have the qualifications, but there is much more to gain than there is to lose. In addition, if you are confused about the process, reach out to the CURCE team. They were very helpful and easy to access, and they might expose you to new opportunities that you did not realize existed.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FALL 2021 & SPRING 2022 AWARD WINNERS!

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
Anastasia Acerno
Saad Ahmad
Cassidy Bowes
Kaya Carvajal
Maxim Couillard
Cameron Cupp
Xavier Fitzsimmons Cruz
Ethan Gerber
Alyssa Guiang
Mina Gul
Macy Hayes
Julie Jasewicz
Dua Kaurejo
Taylor Lovelace
Augustus Lovett
Hasan Mehdi
Naileen Nunez
Asalah Obaid
Deirdre Occhino
Azeeza Saafir
Angelina Tassone
Morgan Thomas
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Kevin Thomas
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Nathan Forrest
Nikhita Kumar
Matthew Long
Corey Nilon
Akul Patel
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Azeeza Saafir
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SUMMER TO DO: PEOPLE POWERED RESEARCH

Ways to engage in research through online, open sourced & voluntary opportunities!

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