How did he do that? Find out!

FREE conference & poster printing

Actively seeking research assistants!

Thinking Ahead....
We started off October with our biggest event of the semester, the Fall Fair! On the 3rd, over 335 students stopped by the LC to meet directly with faculty, graduate students, and current undergraduate assistants to talk about the opportunities currently available for getting involved in a research lab or creative project. There was quite the range of opportunities present with over 40 departments, centers, institutes and administrative units on hand to connect with students.
Meet Manuel Meekattukulam
2019 RECIPIENT OF A CURCE ACCELERATOR GRANT

What did you receive funding for and how have you utilized it for your project?
I received funding to purchase an Oculus Quest Virtual Reality headset. The Oculus Quest headset is crucial for my project as I am creating an interactive Virtual Reality experience. The scene can only be viewed using the headset. I am using interactive development software such as Unity, which powers many video games and VR experiences.

What is the status of your project now?
I have successfully created an interactive Virtual Reality experience in which the user can interact with objects in the scene using virtual hands. Users can experience Virtual Reality physics and interacting with objects in zero gravity.

How has this benefited your experience at UAlbany?
This project has been the best educational experience for me in my undergraduate education. I have learned a lot from this experience. I am spending fourteen hours a week conducting this research. This summer I also interned at a software development company creating VR for education, health care, finance and entertainment.

What’s next?
I am interested in creating a Virtual Reality Active Shooter Simulation to train students to respond to an active shooter situation. Creating this simulation would require more resources in terms of hardware and software but this is indeed a project that is feasible.
SUNY RISE Conference

NOVEMBER 18-20

Join universities and colleges from across the nation for a three day conference that will explore how higher education can strengthen preparedness, response, and recovery in the face of growing threats posed by a changing climate and extreme weather as we strive to build a national platform.

More information:
Uptown Campus, University at Albany

- FREE REGISTRATION
  - You must register at least 1 day before the event - registration on RISE website
- Visit site for the 3 day agenda

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MEET

DR MELISSA TRACY

If you are looking to get involved in a research project: keep reading! Dr. Tracy in the School of Public Health is looking for motivated and detail-oriented undergraduate students to assist with the Violence Prevention Across the Life Course project. This is a paid research opportunity at the School of Public Health for 10 hours per week.

For more details, see the recruitment flyer (right) and a recent UAlbany news article (below; full article at https://www.albany.edu/news/89043.php).

To apply, please submit a copy of your resume and a cover letter describing why you are interested by Oct. 23 to mtracy@albany.edu.
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DID YOU KNOW...

**Spring Semester**
Look for the *pre-conference workshops* to enhance your skills:
- Late Feb. - Abstract Writing
- March - Poster and Oral Presentation Tips and Templates

**Summer Research**
Start looking now for opportunities at UAlbany and beyond! Deadlines are often in Jan. and Feb.
Check out the REU database: https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp

**Funding**
Student excellence awards are back this spring! Don't forget to apply for the *Sorrel Chesin Award* and *Situation Prize for Research*.
CURCE Accelerator Grants will also continue to be available (now open).

**Conference**
New date!
**UAlbany’s 17th Annual Conference will be TUESDAY, APRIL 21st, 2020**
Open to all majors. More information to come.