

DEFINITIONS



URSCA, encompassing all forms of research, scholarship and creative activity, as an investigation or inquiry conducted by a student, under the mentorship of faculty or staff, which contributes to a high-level intellectual or creative outcome.



CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

COSS is an annual full-day symposium showcasing URSCA across all disciplines through poster and art sessions, concurrent sessions, department and program sessions, awards, prizes, and more.

SUMMER PROGRAM



- Typically, 50+ students conduct research with faculty/staff mentors each summer.
- Faculty apply in January for funding to support themselves and 1-2 students.
- The URSCA program includes weekly workshops in June and July.

ACADEMIC YEAR



- Students may register for directed research (487) in any department or program with a willing mentor.
- Students can apply for travel grants and small research grants (typically ~\$500).
- Funds for some IL internships.

PEAK

Students may earn a PEAK for research or creative scholarship they conduct in the summer or academic year, on or off campus. Students register for the PEAK in the spring semester following or during their URSCA experience because the culminating experience is to present their work at COSS. PEAK assignments are managed on the URSCA Teams.

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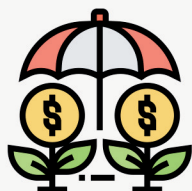


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URSCA Funding Sources



ENDOWMENTS

A significant portion of URSCA funding comes from funds generously donated into a restricted accounts. The interest earned on these accounts each year can be spent as directed by the donor. Some endowment funds for URSCA are managed by the Office of URSCA, some by Academic Affairs, and a few by individual departments.



GIFTS

These funds from donors are also in restricted accounts; however, once they are spent, they are gone.



GRANTS

Some students are supported by grant funding awarded to specific investigators, or by grants awarded to the college for broadening participating in research. Students are also encouraged to apply for grants through honor societies in their discipline.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

A portion of the student activity fee (SAF) is set aside to support students conducting URSCA in the summer and/or academic year.



DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

In a few cases, departments and programs set aside some of their operating budget to support funding undergraduate research and/or creative scholarship.