Opportunities for Engagement:
Undergraduate Research and Experiential Learning
Office of Undergraduate Research and Experiential Learning

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So, what brought you to this meeting?
Why Get Involved?

- Engaged learning has been shown to have multiple benefits for students:
  
  Positive correlations to retention and persistence  
  Increased commitment to academic work  
  Stronger relationships with faculty  
  Improved GPA  
  Increased leadership and communication skills  
  Greater satisfaction with undergraduate experience  
  Increased placement into graduate school
How to get involved in research

• Volunteer Opportunities
• Independent Study Research Credits
• Paid Opportunities
Office of Undergraduate Research and Experiential Learning (UREL)

- Undergraduate Research Program
- Office of Service Learning
- Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- ArtsBridge Scholars Program
Undergraduate Research Program

– Summer Scholars
  • $3,500 to conduct full time research for 10 weeks under the guidance of a faculty mentor

– Summer Fellows
  • $300- $1,500 to conduct part time research throughout the summer under the guidance of a faculty mentor

– Continue your research into the following academic year for credits or as part of your senior thesis
Service-Learning Scholars Program

- **Summer Scholars**
  - $3,500 to conduct a full time community-based project for 10 weeks under the guidance of a faculty mentor

- **Summer Fellows**
  - $500 - $1,500 to conduct a part time community-based project under the guidance of a faculty mentor

- You may earn your three credits as an independent study prior to the start of the summer or continue your project into the following academic year as a volunteer or as part of a senior thesis
McNair Scholars Program

• 25 Scholars
• Open to all disciplines
• GRE Preparation
• Graduate School Preparation
• Intensive Summer Research
• Academic Support
• Enrollment into graduate school
• Ph.D. attainment is the goal
ArtsBridge

University students provide creative service to their communities while learning the value of social activism and developing long-term commitments to help the disadvantaged.
ArtsBridge at UD

• Creating Landscapes integrates dance and creative movement into the fourth grade geography curriculum (Dana Foundation)
# Deadlines to apply

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| Service-Learning Summer Scholars             | November 1, 2015   | Early Decision: January 15, 2016  
Regular Deadline: March 1, 2016 | early April        |
| Undergraduate Research Summer Scholars       | Mid December 2015  | March 1, 2016              | early April        |
How can you find out more?

• Visit our website – http://urel.udel.edu

• Talk to faculty members you know

• Contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Experiential Learning to set up an appointment
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