Undergraduate Research and Distinguished Scholarships

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Today’s presentation

- Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)
- Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE)
- How you can help
Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- Competitive national and international awards for high-achieving students who show promise as future leaders in their fields

- Opportunities for
  - Undergraduate research in STEM fields
  - Undergraduate study abroad & language immersion
  - Graduate study abroad in the UK or Ireland
  - Graduate study in public service
Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- Support for 21 scholarships in partnership with the Office of International Affairs

[Link to Find Your Distinguished Scholarship]

[Link to UO website]
Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- Many recent UO distinguished scholarship winners!

Amelia Fitch, winner of the Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Namratha Somayajula, winner of the Scoville Peace Fellowship

https://ugs.uoregon.edu/distinguished-scholarship-recipients
Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- Our challenges as a campus
  - Understaffed DS office
  - Getting information to students
  - Student willingness to apply
  - Student preparation
  - Support for application process
Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- What ODS does
  - Scholarship advising—Monday to Thursday (4 - 6 pm & by appointment) in GSH 104 (w/ Housing)
  - Support for interviews & finalist preparation (with ODS board & other faculty)
  - Info sessions & outreach to students (CHC/FA undergrad Momo Wilms-Crowe)
  - Workshops on skill building
How you can help:

Identify students with DS potential...e-mail me (jjosh@uoregon.edu)

Encourage faculty to mentor top students & write letters of recommendation

Encourage faculty to help advise on a particular scholarship if they have experience with it or its focus area
Undergraduate Research
Undergraduate Research

- Importance of research in the undergraduate experience
  - Technical proficiencies & ‘soft’ skills
  - Connections with faculty & graduate students
  - Knowledge synthesis & better learning outcomes
  - Effects on persistence to graduation
  - More competitive on the job market
  - Better success in applications to graduate school
Undergraduate Research

- Undergraduate research helps connect the dots among our University’s three fundamental priorities
  - Research excellence
  - Student access & success
  - Providing a rich undergraduate experience
Undergraduate Research

- UO underperforms in research opportunities & support

- Our challenges at UO
  - Relatively few research opportunities
    - High number of students per TTF member
  - Few financial resources to support student involvement
  - Uneven distribution of opportunities across campus
  - Lack of systems & centralization
Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE)

- CURE launches in Fall 2017
  - Connect students with research opportunities via DuckConnect platform (requires a culture shift!)
  - Competitive grants to support
    - travel to conferences & emergency needs
    - summer research opportunities
  - Support for programs that focus on underrepresented groups (e.g., SCORE & SPUR/OURS)
  - Skill building workshops (& Week of Research)
  - Campus perspective on internships/engagement
  - Advising (M-Th 4-6 pm; GSH 104)
Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE)

- CURE website is live (to be completed by week 1)

https://cure.uoregon.edu/
Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE)

- CURE launch party
  - Tuesday, October 17 from 4-5:30 pm in GSH 123 (The Great Room)
  - Remarks by the President & Provost
  - Remarks by Stephanie Majewski, Alex De Verteuil, and Alli Dona
  - Reception with presentation of student work
What we need from you:

Encourage faculty to post research opportunities to DuckConnect

Encourage students to participate in the Undergraduate Research Symposium

Allow us to come to a faculty meeting and present about distinguished scholarships and undergraduate research