Hi!

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1. OUR is here to help

Even though we are working remotely, the OUR is here to help you!

Our website has a wealth of valuable resources to get your started, help you find a research opportunity, and so much more.

OUR Ambassadors are also available to work with you one-on-one during their daily virtual office hours. Meet the ambassadors and learn about their drop-in office hours or how to connect with them directly via email on their webpage. Or just drop-in to one of their office hours:

- Mondays 6-7pm
- Tuesdays 4-5pm
- Wednesdays 9-10am
- Thursdays 3-4pm
- Fridays 10-11am

Zoom link: virginiatech.zoom.us/my/research (personal ID number: 540 231 3580)

2. Summer Research Opportunities

Did you know that there are full-time, paid research opportunities available during the summer?

If you are considering summer research, now is a good time to start exploring your options so that you can apply early and meet the early spring deadlines. You can always do a web search for "summer undergraduate research" in your field. We have created a starting point for you on our Research
Opportunities webpage, where you can learn about and apply to several summer programs at Virginia Tech and beyond. Here are some additional summer internship opportunities:

- **Professional Opportunities for Student Workforce to Experience Research (HS-POWER) program**, US Department of Homeland Security | **Deadline October 30**
- **Curatorial Undergraduate Intern**, Asheville Art Museum | **Deadline November 1**
- **Online Educational Content Assistant**, Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, Missouri Historical Society | **Deadline November 23**
- **Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship Program**, US Department of Energy | **Deadline January 8, 2021**
- **Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships**, US Department of Energy | **Deadline January 12, 2021**
- **Fralin Biomedical Research Institute's neuroSURF program** | **Deadline February 1**
- **Biomedical Research Internships** - catalog of 260 biomedical research internship opportunities offered nationwide, compiled by Fred Hutch | **Various deadlines**
- **Undergraduate Summer Research Opportunities in the Arts and Humanities** - sortable database | **Various deadlines**

3. **Philologia** -- Now accepting written AND video submissions

Philologia is an undergraduate research journal that is operated by the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Our mission is to publish great, insightful work sourced from students, grounded in research and creativity. We are committed to sharing your work with the community at large in hopes to grow appreciation for research in our fields. Submissions are accepted from work representing the departments and academic majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. The Philologia journal is expanding to include not only standard publication opportunities, but presentation experience, as well. We are now accepting both written and video submissions. Submit your work by December 6th, 2020!
4. Application now open: Summer Research Program in Computationally-Driven Experimental Biology

Are you interested in computer science, biology, bioinformatics and/or systems biology? Funded by the National Science Foundation, Computationally-Driven Experimental Biology (CDEB program) 10-week summer program is a partnership between Virginia Tech (Dr. T.M. Murali) and Colorado State University (Dr. Jean Peccoud) that allows undergraduate students from both biological and computer science backgrounds to work at the intersection of both disciplines.

For information and application information please see- https://fralinlifesci.vt.edu/education-and-
5. VSGC STEM Research Scholarship Opportunity

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship Program provides awards of up to $8,500 to rising juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time in a program of study in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) and have a specific faculty-mentored research project that has NASA or aerospace relevance. Allied Health Sciences majors are not eligible for this program. To date, VSGC has provided $7.8 million in scholarships and fellowships to students from Old Dominion University, Hampton University, William & Mary, Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia since 1990. Approximately 75 awards are provided each year. The online application is now open!

More info and link to online application: [http://vsgc.odu.edu/undergraduatescholarships/](http://vsgc.odu.edu/undergraduatescholarships/)

Last year, 75 students were awarded over $300K. Here is a list of the student majors that were funded:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Science
- Astronomy
- Atmospheric Science
- Biochemistry
- Biological Systems Engineering
- Biology
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Cyber Security/Computer Science
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Mechanics
- Environmental Science
- Forestry
- General Engineering
- Geological Oceanography
- Marine and Environmental Science
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
6. Participate in a research project: Cyberbullying in College Students

Virginia Tech Department of Sociology, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center at Bridgewater State University (BSU) runs a research project on the experiences of undergraduate students with bullying and cyberbullying, and other social problems, including school, attitudes towards peers, digital behaviors, and family life, in a retrospective online survey. If you are an undergrad student at VT, you are eligible to participate. Our goal is to learn from students and make campuses safer.

This is an IRB-reviewed (#20-647), one-off online survey. Participation in this survey is voluntary and confidential. BSU collects IP addresses, and VT only serves as a site of recruitment and compensation. Thus, VT will not have access to IP addresses, only to deidentified and aggregated data. The survey includes resources of anti-bullying organizations in case you would be interested in reaching out and/or sharing your views.

Incentives: You might be eligible for course credit if you are enrolled in Dr. Parti’s courses. Otherwise, you are eligible to participate in a drawing where every 100th participant is selected for a $50 Amazon gift card. The chances to get selected in the drawing are 1:100. For this purpose, participants will be redirected to a separate website at the end of the survey where they can give their names and VT email addresses so that gift cards can be provided.

The survey takes approximately 50 minutes to fill out.

For more information, even before taking the survey, contact Dr. Katalin Parti at Sociology: kparti@vt.edu

To access the survey, visit: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_80zbyKF52tVMj53

7. Apply to present at NCUR
NCUR 2021 will be delivered as a digital event, **NCUR @Home on April 12-14, 2021**. This is an exciting opportunity for thousands of undergraduate researchers from all disciplinary corners to get together for a unique virtual conference experience. Participants will gain experience presenting their research to a broad audience, opportunities for professional development including a virtual graduate school fair, networking sessions with other students and faculty in their fields, and more! Virginia Tech’s OUR will cover registration costs for accepted presenters (one registration covered per presentation).

The early decision deadline is **November 1**. Submit an abstract today! To submit an abstract, please view the [abstract guidelines](#).

### 8. Undergraduate Research Excellence Program

It's never too early to join the Undergraduate Research Excellence Program (UREP) and get recognized for your engagement in undergraduate research. The program is open to any student, from any major, at any time in their academic career. This multi-tiered program allows students to track their journey through undergraduate research, from training and engaging to disseminating and reflecting, and receive recognition at graduation with a specially designed cord! Learn more and sign up to join the program [online](#). The deadline to complete the program for Fall graduates is **December 7 at 9am**.

### 9. National Undergraduate Research Opportunities- Funding, Presentations, etc

- **Call for Abstracts**, "Injury and Violence Prevention in a Changing World: From Local to Global," Virtual Conference, Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research | **Deadline October 30**
- **Call for Posters**, Virtual Annual Conference, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa | **Deadline October 30**
- **Call for proposals**, February 2021 virtual West Federation Council on Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Educators Regional Conference, Northern Arizona University (new undergraduate research track) | **Deadline October 30**
- **Publication Grants, Textbook and Academic Authors Assn** | **Deadline October 31**
- **Call for Posters**, "Rural Resilience: The Road to Recovery," Fifth Annual Virtual Poster Competition, Rural Health Association of Tennessee | **Deadline November 2**
- **Call for Abstracts**, Virtual Conference, Texas Center for Working-Class Studies, Collin College | **Deadline November 20**
• **Call for Submissions**, Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research for a special issue, Service Learning and Community-Based Research in a Time of Disruption | **Deadline November 24**

• **Call for Abstracts**, Fifth Marianas History Conference, University of Guam and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council | **Deadline November 30**

• **Apply for a Goldwater Scholarship** | Internal VT Deadline December 1

• **Apply for a SMART scholarship** | Deadline December 1

• **Student Paper Contest**, GIS-T Symposium, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials | **Deadline December 22**

• “Pitch It to Win It,” **Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Undergraduate Student Competition**, American Assn of Textile Chemists and Colorists | **Deadline January 26, 2021**

• **Call for Papers: NYU American Public Policy Review** | Deadline January 31, 2021

• **2021 RASC-AL Competition**, National Institute of Aerospace | **Deadline March 4, 2021**

• **Twenty-First Annual Steel Design Student Competition**, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture | **Deadline June 2, 2021**

Have a good week. Be Committed. Be well.

Best,
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