



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Undergraduate research is a high-impact practice that enhances student engagement, retention, completion, and success.

URSA Activities

- **URSA Student Project Awards:** Funding for original research and creative scholarly projects pairing undergraduates with faculty mentors at all UAF campuses.
- **URSA Student Travel Awards:** Funding for travel by undergraduates to support or present their original research.
- **URSA Mentoring Awards:** Funding for mentors (faculty, postdoctoral researchers, graduate students) to enhance or develop opportunities for undergraduate research, especially recurring opportunities.
- **Curriculum Support and Development:** Development of curricular opportunities for undergraduate research through creation of URSA courses and assistance developing departmental courses such as the Museum Research Apprenticeship Program (MRAP).
- **UAF Research and Creative Activity Day:** An annual celebration and presentation of research by undergraduate students at UAF. The event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.

URSA Impact

- Presentations by undergraduates of their research at national and international meetings.
- Publications co-authored by undergraduates in peer-reviewed professional journals.
- Acceptance of UAF baccalaureate graduates to top graduate programs, professional schools and employment locally and nationally.

Selected Performance Indicators

UAF undergraduates enrolled in 1 or more research courses

	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
AY2012	137	210	15	362
AY2013	148	186	31	365
AY2014	134	205	31	370
AY2015	127	226	55	408
AY2016	107	217	47	371
AY2017*	298	338	28	664
AY2018	279	305	11	595
AY2019	123	132	3	258
AY2020	306	192	26	524

**The significant increase in research courses reflects a change in the research course designation process.*

URSA Student Awards

AY2012	32 awards	\$93,491
AY2013	45 awards	\$107,967
AY2014	60 awards	\$147,931
AY2015	67 awards	\$176,076
AY2016	62 awards	\$149,627
AY2017	70 awards	\$146,452
AY2018	130 awards	\$192,215
AY2019	70 awards	\$152,352
AY2020	49 awards	\$156,349

URSA Mentoring Awards

AY2012	5	\$16,391
AY2013	8 aw.	\$31,938
AY2014	10 aw.	\$35,203
AY2015	15 awards	\$78,016
AY2016	15 awards	\$69,235
AY2017	13 awards	\$89,400
AY2018	19 awards	\$93,368
AY2019	11 awards	\$51,256
AY2020	6 aw.	\$25,500

URSA Innovative Technology and Education (ITE) Awards

AY2015	11 awards	\$65,687
AY2016	7 awards	\$58,777
AY2017	10 awards	\$55,150
AY2018	9 awards	\$53,198
AY2019	7 awards	\$45,034
AY2020	8 awards	\$37,600

All URSA student and mentoring awards derive from UAF's reinvestment of 1% ICR into student research. ITE awards derive from 20% of the student technology fee.



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