

Undergraduate Research and Creative Discovery 2020-2021

College of Business
Ryan Phelps

Three poster projects and one top scholar represented the Rusche College of Business at the SFA Undergraduate Research Conference this year. This was a drastic reduction from record high participation last year. Each poster project received a \$200 scholarship and the top scholar's \$500 recognition was again matched by the college. Finally, our top scholar was treated to dinner for three and one night's stay at the Fredonia Hotel.

Beyond the URC, one student project was accepted for presentation at the 2021 LSUS Regional Student Scholars Forum. We also recognized Joe Ballenger as undergraduate mentor of the year. Joe has been a champion of undergraduate research. He will be missed after his retirement this year.

College of Fine Arts
Lauren Selden

The College of Fine Arts had an active year of research and creative activities. The College has created a competitive Undergraduate Research Mini-grant that is accessible online. (https://www.finearts.sfasu.edu/media/pdf/UndergraduateResearchMinigrant_2.pdf) Five students received grants to support their creative work with \$100 stipends. Additional students received financial support from their individual Schools as well as the College. We had some of our strongest Undergraduate Research applications this year and eight students were selected to participate in the conference. Exhibitions, recitals, performances, and creative work continued despite the challenges of Covid19. We are so proud of our College and look forward to great things in the future.

College of Forestry and Agriculture
Sheryll Jerez

The annual undergraduate research showcase of the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture was held virtually last November 18-20, 2020. Thirteen research projects were submitted by 31 undergraduate students who were mentored by eight faculty members. Recorded presentations were made available online to SFASU community. The college's undergraduate research showcase committee selected the top eight presentations that represented the college in the university's Undergraduate Research Conference held on April 13, 2021.

Undergraduate Research Conference
Michael Tkacik

The Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) was held on April 13, 2021. In addition to seven interactive Top Scholar presentations, there URC included approximately 50 research posters. TJC students also participated. Meanwhile, the School of Honors had approximately 436 contracts undertaken during the fall and 425 during the spring. Most of these included some element of undergraduate research, from simple in-class presentations to posters for submission to national conferences. During the fall of 2020, the Honors SFAS 1101 section led by Professor Michael Martin researched comparative responses to COVID nationally and locally. The URC posters and the SFAS 1101 presentations are available on ScholarWorks.

College of Education
Eric Jones

Dr. Gina Causin and the department of Human Sciences hosted a virtual undergraduate conference April 22.