The mission of the Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR) is to function, under the umbrella of the Office of the Vice President for Research, as the university hub for coordinating and communicating opportunities for undergraduate research and creative/scholarly activities to the university community. The CUR will assist the undergraduate research and creative/scholarly activity efforts at USM through the distribution of university funds to support research, creative and scholarly activities, and travel for undergraduate students to disseminate original results.
Are tenure-track faculty with expressed desire to work with undergraduates
- 160 associates in 2014-15

Drapeau Mentorship Award
- $1500
CUR Faculty Associates

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- Additional activities
  - Review applications for Eagle SPUR
  - Serve as judges for Symposium

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Center Overview

The IPAM Center for Undergraduate Research was established in October 2011. The overall mission of the center is to enhance the undergraduate experience by promoting and supporting student-faculty collaborations in research, creative projects and scholarship. The benefits of active participation in faculty–mentored research are myriad both to the student experience and the university community at large.

Faculty interested in mentoring and collaborating with students are encouraged to become Faculty Affiliates. Students interested in working on independent research, creative or scholarly projects are encouraged to explore the Faculty Affiliates page for scholarly opportunities. They also may apply for funding to support their work through the Eagle Scholars Program for Undergraduate Research (Eagle SPUR), and present their findings at the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Please join VP for Research Dr. Condon Carronn and the CUR in congratulating the Spring 2015 Eagle Scholars. You may download a list of their names and project titles here.
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The Faculty Affiliates are the heart of the Center for Undergraduate Research. They are faculty who have expressed a desire to serve as mentors to undergraduates conducting independent research and creative activity, and currently nearly 150 professors at both IUSM campuses have affiliated with CURE.

Becoming a Faculty Affiliate. If you are a tenured or tenure-track faculty member who would like to join the University's affiliate faculty, you will find the Application Form on the CURE website. The Faculty Affiliate who has best embodied the qualities of effective mentoring will be awarded the Eagle Scholar Award each year.

Contacting a Faculty Affiliate. If you are an undergraduate student who would like to explore potential research or creative opportunities in which you might participate and/or would like someone with whom you can discuss your ideas for a project, any of the Faculty Affiliates listed below by college would be happy to talk with you. Click on the affiliate's name to visit their individual webpages where you can learn more about their scholarly activities.

- College of Arts and Letters
  - College of Business
  - College of Education and Psychology
  - College of Health
  - College of Nursing
  - College of Science and Technology
  - Honors College

Amy Chasteen Miller, Ph.D.
Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology

My research focuses on gender, health, and the body, with a particular emphasis on the sociology of childbirth. I have ongoing research projects in this area, and I have included undergraduate students in my work. Additionally, I regularly work with undergraduate students on their own research, including honors thesis projects as well as independent research. I am happy to mentor undergraduates in sociology on their development as researchers.


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Find building on map

Expertise
Sociology
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Eagle Scholars Program for Undergraduate Research (Eagle SPUR)

Competition - Spring 2015

The Eagle Scholars Program for Undergraduate Research (Eagle SPUR) is a competitive funding competition in which undergraduates submitting independent research or creative activity in collaboration with a Faculty Affiliate. Students may receive up to $1000 to support travel, to purchase equipment and supplies, and/or to be used as a stipend. The deadline for the submission of proposals will be during the semester before the time when the work will actually be conducted (summer excluded). Eagle Scholars will be expected to present the findings of their project to a scholarly audience within a year of its completion. More information about Eagle SPUR may be found in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Eagle SPUR Program.

Applying to Spring 2015 Eagle SPUR

Complete guidelines for applying for the program may be found here. Guidelines for applying to the Eagle SPUR Program

The project proposal is approximately 1500 words in length plus a budget and bibliography, and requires answering a series of questions about the work to be undertaken. The applications may be downloaded here. Students must  must apply for the Spring 2015 Eagle SPUR Competition.

The Faculty Mentor must also complete an application, which may be found here. Eagle SPUR Mentor Application - Spring 2015.

Both applications (student and mentor) should be emailed to the Undergraduate Research Office at 321-844-2821 on March 18, 2015.
Other CUR Activities

- Workshops and conferences
  - UNV392
  - NSF GRFP
  - Posters on the Hill - Washington

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  - More information coming soon!
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Articles

- Howards End, Marguerite Henry, and the Didactic Performance of Gender
  - Ashlee Rockliff
- College Student Perceptions of and Beliefs Regarding Stereotypes: An Exemplar Study
  - Alexandra Kienzler, Jeelle Valesco, and Justina Nettava
- Mythical Hero versus the Modern Hero: The Female Hero in Suzanne Collins’ The Hunger Games
  - Cara Vanterpool

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  - Jackson, MS
Undergraduate Symposium on Research and Creative Activity
April 22-23, 2016

- Co-sponsored with Honors College
- Arts performances & exhibits
- Plenary speaker
- 18 categories of competition
  - $500 1st place award
  - $250 2nd place award
- 140 presentations in 2015