



CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE INQUIRY



EVERY STUDENT SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY

to participate in undergraduate research. The Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry (URCI) will embed student research as part of the fabric of the College and empower students to explore and engage in hands-on research with faculty mentorship. URCI will encourage students to learn about their field of interest and gain practical experience for their careers and post-graduate education. It will create an environment for undergraduates to contribute to the College's intellectual property and will propel the College of Charleston forward as a nationally preeminent undergraduate institution.

GOAL

\$2,500,000

Creating a dynamic undergraduate research program that will bring students and faculty together for high-level intellectual collaboration and high-impact results.



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The Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry will develop a nationally recognized undergraduate research program that raises the profile of the institution and allows the College to better compete with aspirant universities. Research projects may result in a musical composition, a work of art, an analysis of historical documents or scientific discoveries.

Through URCI, the College will:

- Create a sustainable infrastructure and establish the necessary resources to support the expansion of innovative research and creative opportunities for a more diverse group of students – both demographically and disciplinarily
- Institutionalize multidisciplinary, customized and curriculum-based programming initiatives that increase student awareness, interest, knowledge and access to quality undergraduate research and creative projects
- Develop college-wide and community partnerships, in support of a culture of undergraduate research and creative activity that expands beyond disciplinary and campus boundaries
- Have a nationally recognized institution noted for its ability to develop “workforce ready” graduates through its faculty-mentored research programs

CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Goal: \$1,500,000

URCI will promote an innovative approach to multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary undergraduate research through an undergraduate research hub at the College.

Through endowment and immediate-use funding for URCI, the College will:

- Have a director dedicated to the robust management of the program and assessment of outcomes
- Facilitate programming that increases student awareness about quality undergraduate research and creative projects
- Host institution-wide events to showcase student research and creative work
- Develop community partnerships that enhance access to student opportunities

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Goal: \$750,000

- Provide students with funding for projects in conjunction with faculty members
- Support students in all academic fields to engage in research
- Develop comprehensive efforts to engage underrepresented and first generation students in opportunities for research and scholarship
- Fund national and international travel for conferences and other related experiences that will enhance students outcomes and the College’s profile

STUDENT AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Goal: \$250,000

- Increase interest in and opportunities for undergraduate research in all disciplines through a summer workshop for undergraduate scholars
- Develop basic skills in all aspects of research including project development, ethics in scholarship, research compliance, grant writing and dissemination
- Support graduate internships for experiential learning and peer-to-peer mentoring opportunities
- Create faculty development programs that provide training and support for mentors

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