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HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

From the Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Works

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Welcome Back!

The Office of URCW would like to welcome all of our students and faculty members back to campus! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are excited for the upcoming semester. Summer is on the horizon, and we hope you will consider applying for one of our amazing summer programs. Keep reading to find out more about summer research!

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OUR MISSION is to bring together undergraduate students and faculty members for the purpose of creating unique and collaborative projects. By fostering an imaginative research experience, we hope to promote the development of new competencies, encourage critical thinking skills, inspire students to add to the global sum of human knowledge, and help students develop the skills to be competitive in the marketplace.

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Student Spotlight



Ethan Muckerheide is a junior (graduating early) pursuing a career in sport psychology. Throughout his time at HPU, he has completed our Research Rookies Program, participated in summer research (SuRI), been awarded the George T. Barthalmus grant for second-year students, and received travel grants to present at conferences. Most recently, Ethan has been announced as a Fulbright semifinalist. His mentors Dr. Nagy and Dr. Lipowski have been critical in refining Ethan's skills as an accomplished researcher. Ethan's intended career will most likely involve a PhD, so more research is certainly on the horizon!

Research Grants

Event Management

Charlotte Miller traveled with faculty mentor, **Dr. Wiitala**, to Miami, FL for the 29th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Student Research Conference in Hospitality & Tourism.

Kailey Wrege, Annika Waguespack, Cydney Lafore, Ana Wein, Katie Messick traveled with faculty mentor, **Dr. Marisa Ritter**, for the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) Convening Leaders 2024 in San Diego, CA.

Media Production

Joy Adjei, Dean Petersen, Holland Van Metre, Milla Carazo, Sara Belles, and Brenden Mahla have received funding to film their Senior Capstone under the mentorship of **Professor Barry Thornburg**.

Also under the mentorship of **Professor Barry Thornburg**, Brittany Secraw has received funding for her Senior Capstone, in collaboration with her other group members.

Theater & Dance

Nicole Amorocho, Bianca Frazier, Aleigh Garrecht, Kinsey Gebheart, Mary Gomez, Sophie Lebron, Cierra Mahoney, Kendall McDowell, Natalia Siepka, Niyah Williams, and Caroline Cubas, traveled with **Professor Howie** to Chicago, IL for the Still Inspired Future Artists Conference.

History

Emma Scrivo and Mara Cooper will travel to Utah in April with faculty mentor, **Dr. Paul Ringel** to the National Council of Public History Annual Meeting.

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Summer Research Programs

All programs include free housing, meals, and a small stipend.

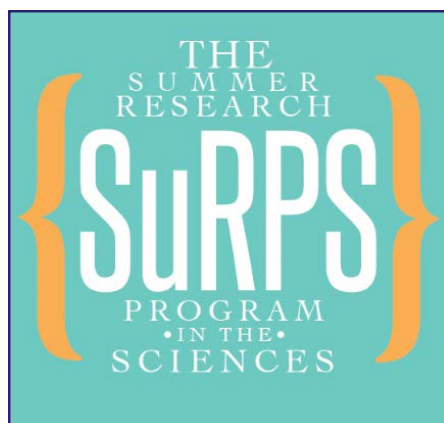
They run 8 weeks concurrent with summer classes.



SuRF is a competitive program for research assistant positions for predetermined projects with faculty in the Health Sciences. Students should review the projects and be prepared to rank order the ones they would like to be able to join.



SuRI is open to undergraduates who are not working with mentors in the Natural or Health Sciences. Students connect with a mentor and develop a project with their mentor. They describe the project as part of their application process, including project goals, method, and timeline. The program runs from June-July.



SuRPS is a competitive program for research assistant positions for predetermined projects with faculty in the Natural Sciences. Students should review the projects and be prepared to rank order the ones they would like to be able to join.

Important Reminders

SIRG GRANT

-Applications due February 15th
See our website for the application.

SUMMER RESEARCH

-Applications due March 1st

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-Abstracts due: March 14th
-Digital Award Submissions due: April 4th
-EVENT DATE: April 16th, 2024

URCW Interdisciplinary Research Grant (SIRG)

Recipient will receive \$1,000
for research or creative
works supplies and/or
fieldwork travel.

Applications Due: Feb. 15th

Have you registered with URCW?

Our registry documents the amazing work our students do! Get registered on our website if you are working on an innovative project in any field!

Research Rookie of the Month

This month, we would like to recognize **Ellie Ratta** for her dedication and hard work while completing our Research Rookies program.

Keep up the good work!

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Research Rookie of the Month

Ellie Ratta

"My journey as a Research Rookie has expanded my curiosities and knowledge. It has opened opportunities for me, such as attending prestigious seminars and talks, as well as making new friendships with students from other majors."

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