



# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

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## Happy New Year!

With a new year comes new beginnings! This is the perfect opportunity to get involved in the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works! Keep up with us as we announce events and deadlines on our social media as well as this newsletter. We have so much to offer, so stay tuned! We hope to see your work in our registries.

## Our Mission

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works' 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.



[www.highpoint.edu/urcw/](http://www.highpoint.edu/urcw/)

**URCW**

Designed by Elsie Clinkenbeard 2025

April 15th, 2025, in the afternoon  
Nido and Mariana Qubein Conference Center

For more information, visit our website at [www.highpoint.edu/highpurcs](http://www.highpoint.edu/highpurcs)



## What is it?

The Scholarly Interdisciplinary Research Grant (S.I.R.G) is a \$1,000 grant for funds towards completing creative or scholarly projects.

**Applications due  
February 15th!**

## Eligibility Requirements

- Full-time undergraduate at HPU
- Have another year left as an undergraduate
- In collaboration with at least two mentors from different fields
- Studies must be performed at HPU
- Required to present at High-PURCS next year
- Must be registered on the URCW mentee registry

For more information, visit [www.highpoint.edu/urcw/hpu-grants/sirg-grant-info/](http://www.highpoint.edu/urcw/hpu-grants/sirg-grant-info/)



## Summer Research



- All undergraduates can participate
- Free housing, meals, and monetary stipend
- Positions are competitive
- Must attend all of June and July
- SuRPS and SuRF have projects students apply to join
- SuRI invites students with a mentor and a project to apply for that work

**Applications due  
March 1st**

For more information and to sign up, visit [www.highpoint.edu/urcw/summer-research-opportunities-at-hpu/](http://www.highpoint.edu/urcw/summer-research-opportunities-at-hpu/)



# Student Profile



## Abby Fort

- **Junior**
- **Psychology Major with a minor in Statistics**
- **Data analyst in the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works**

“I was interested in research as a potential career path, so when I was offered a position as a researcher as a freshman, I knew I had to take it. I wanted that experience for graduate school, but also as an academic interested in learning”.

**Abby Fort** is a junior psychology major working in the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works (URCW). She has worked in the office since her first semester at HPU. Abby works as a data analyst, helping to analyze the effectiveness of different URCW programs.

Abby started sharing her program assessment work professionally as a sophomore, presenting at SNCURCS and High-PURCS last year. She credits her experience in the URCW Office with shaping her journey as an HPU student and influencing her future in the business world.

Abby, who completed the Research Rookies Program to become a Research Apprentice, reports that all of these experiences have aided her in her education and career path. With the help of her mentor, Dr. Altman, she has gained hands-on experience, adapted to failures and learned from them, and challenged her thinking in her field of study.

Abby’s experiences have enriched both her career and personal development. Through undergraduate research, she has witnessed HPU’s strong commitment to life skills. She has seen significant improvement in her writing and spoken communication and has learned to navigate her expertise in psychology and statistics, applying them to her daily life.

You will be able to see Abby’s psychology and Honors research at High-PURCS this April.

Way to go, Abby!



# Research Rookies Popstars!

January 2025

**Six Research Rookies who started the 2-semester program in fall 2025 completed it in just one semester! Way to go!**



**Maddie Erwin**



**Briana Harvey**



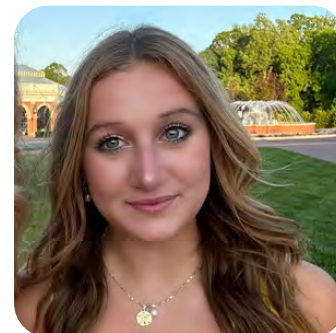
**Ava Heaton**



**Madison Kattke**



**Dillon Pickney**



**Allie Pratt**

**RESEARCH ROOKIES** *January* 2025  
**Research Rookie of the Month!**



"Research Rookies has provided me a unique opportunity to develop critical thinking and communication skills to distinguish myself and gain confidence about my career goals."

**Caitlin Enright**

**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY**  
Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works

**Congratulations to our Research Rookie of the month: Caitlin Enright! We are proud of your hard work and effort within the Research Rookies program. Keep at it!**



# Students in Research

From the URCW Registry  
Students who have connected with mentors

1



Art &  
Graphic  
Design

1



Athletic  
Training

2



Basic  
Pharmaceutical  
Science

58



Biology

57



Chemistry

1



Communication  
& Business

8



Computer  
Science

1



Economics

2



Educator  
Preparation

1



Electrical &  
Computer  
Engineering

2



English

38



Event &  
Hospitality  
Management

9



Game  
Design

3



Health &  
Human  
Performance

3



History

7



Marketing

1



Mathematical  
Science

9

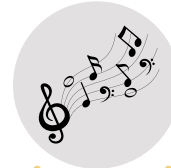


Media  
Production

1



Medical  
Science



★ Music ★

3



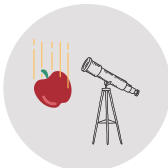
Neuroscience

14



Physical  
Therapy

5



Physics &  
Astronomy

1



Political  
Science

10



Psychology

11



Religion &  
Philosophy

7



Theater and  
Dance

*Total*  
**348**

