

Undergraduate Research Scholars Program



Students in the department of animal and food sciences undergraduate research scholars program gain hands-on experience through cutting-edge research completed alongside faculty, graduate students, technicians and herd managers. There are numerous projects students can assist with, ranging from laboratory work to field studies. Students who participate in this program gain valuable experience and skills that will make them an asset to an employer or set them apart when applying to professional school.

► How It Works

Animal and food science students who have above a 3.0 GPA are eligible to apply for the program. Approximately 20 students are selected each year and are paired with a mentor based on their interests. Mentors help students navigate the research process and develop critical thinking and communications skills. Students have the opportunity to present their research at university symposiums and national meetings, as well as earn an Undergraduate Research Scholar transcript designation.

Fast Facts

Participants have been admitted to veterinary school, dental school, and medical school, as well as masters and Ph.D. programs.

Highlights

Students have earned more than \$160,000 from more than 80 research awards and university wide scholar grants since 2012.

“The program instilled a feeling of self-confidence and gave me tremendous respect for research. My advisor did an excellent job providing hands-on training and connecting the pieces to help me see the big picture. By the time I graduated, I felt confident working in a laboratory and had the opportunity to present my research at multiple conferences and as a peer reviewed manuscript.”

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