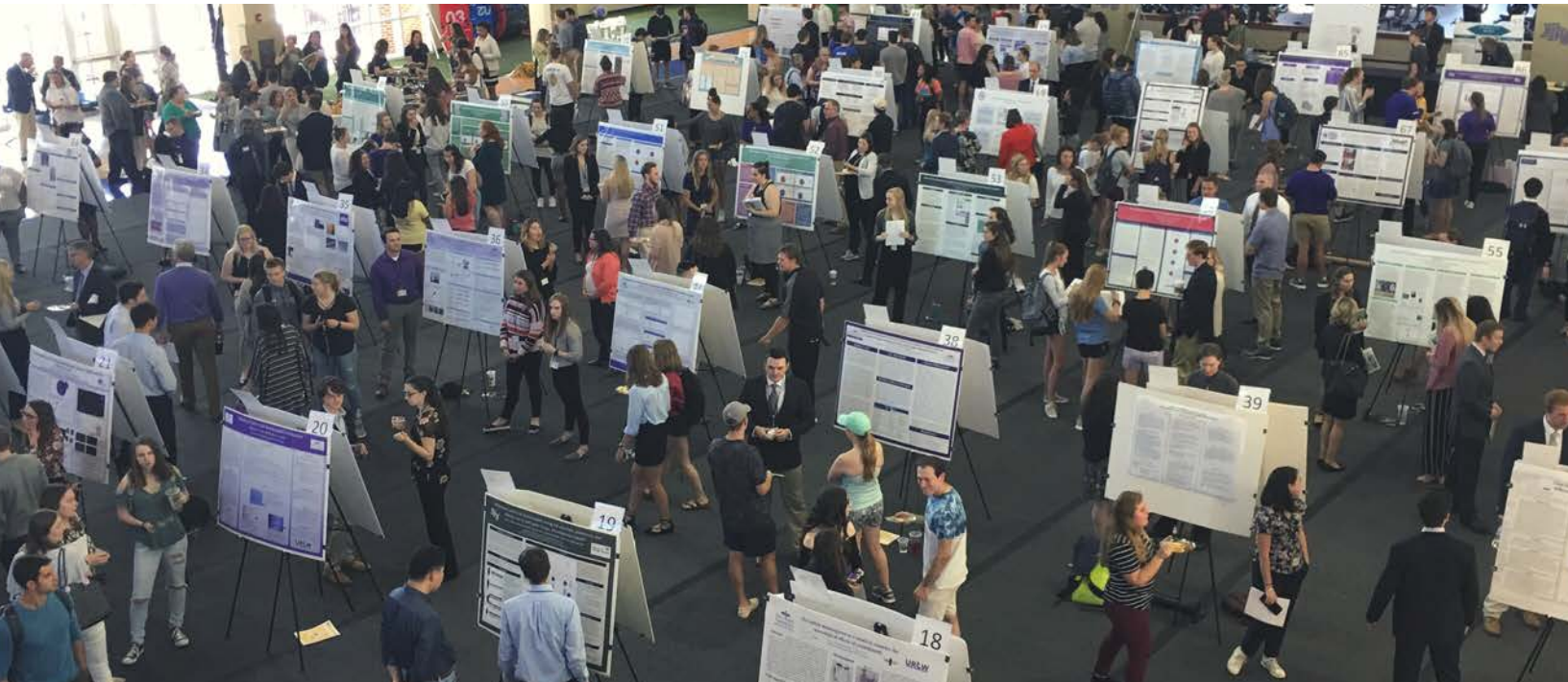





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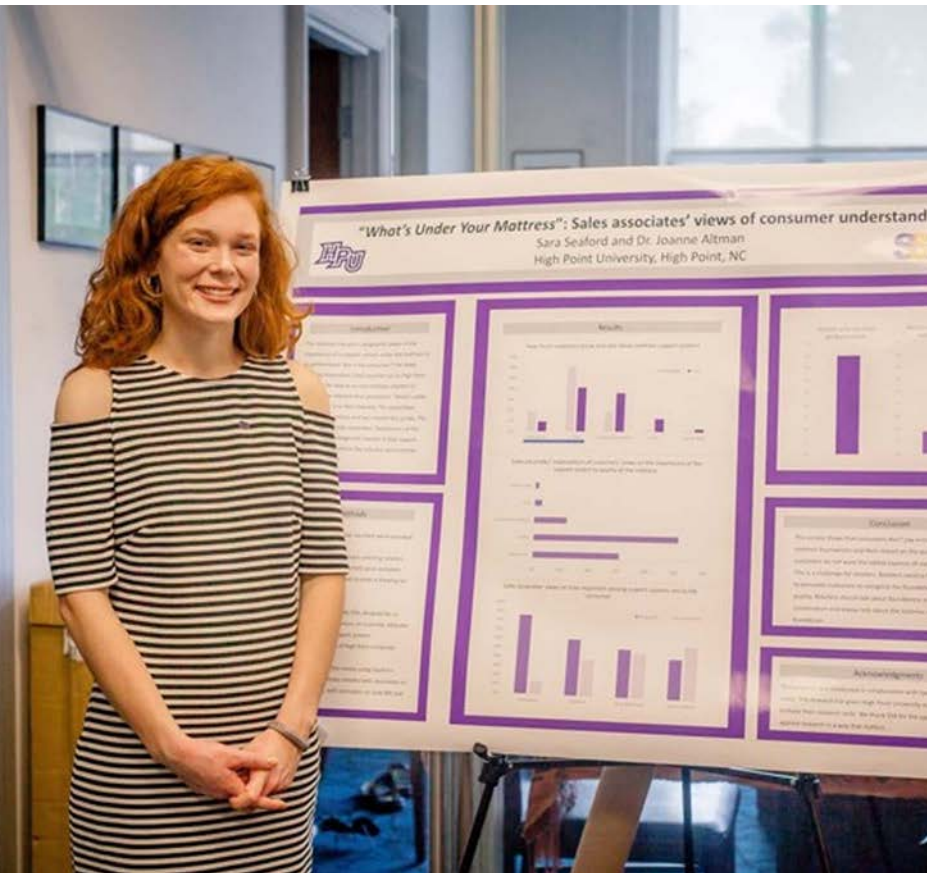
The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works (URCW) is pleased to welcome students, faculty, and staff to another academic year at High Point University! Our monthly newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with student accomplishments and opportunities within the realm of collaborative, creative and scholarly works. By sharing our students' many achievements, we hope to encourage your participation in URCW this semester!

Connect with us:

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-  www.highpoint.edu/urcw
-  [hpu.urcw](https://www.facebook.com/hpu.urcw)

Our Mission

The mission of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works at High Point University is to engage undergraduate students in collaborative projects with faculty members. The unique projects created, both scholarly and imaginative, aim to promote the development of new competencies and foster critical thinking skills. We aspire to provide students the special opportunity to add to the global sum of human knowledge and experience through research.



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Developed for freshmen and first semester sophomores, Research Rookies provides the opportunity for students to gain research experience early in their undergraduate careers. For two consecutive semesters, students complete a variety of research-oriented activities. Once completed, students move from "Research Rookies" to "Research Apprentices." This shift demonstrates a student's commitment to independent work and research skills that appeal to future employers and post-graduate programs.

Reasons to join Research Rookies:

- Participation in the community of research and creative works at HPU
- Unique conversation starter in a job interview
- Improve and demonstrate problem solving, analytical, and communication skills
- Unique resume booster for graduate school and/or professional career
- Establish relationships with faculty



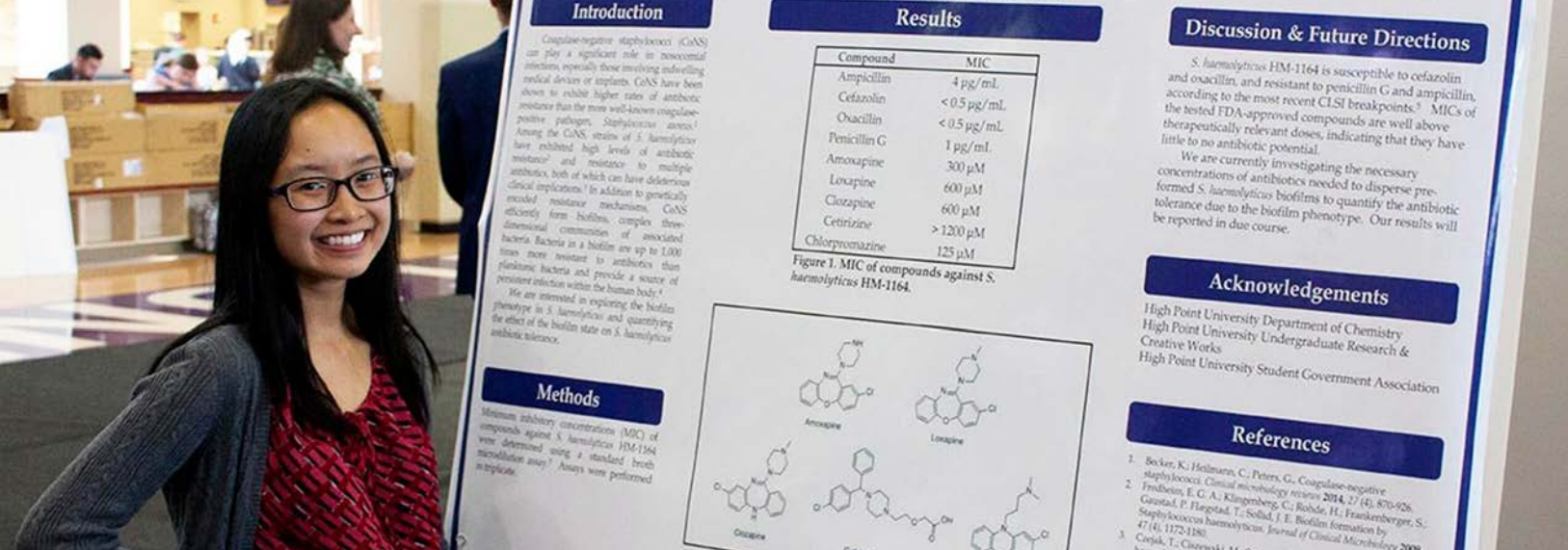
Research Rookies Interest Meetings:

Thursday, October 3rd or 10th | 10:00-11:00am or 12:00-1:00pm
Graves Collaboratorium (Cottrell Hall) | Contact Dr. Altman with questions

Register your Research

URCW tracks student's independent scholarly and creative works to share with the campus. If you are currently conducting research, developing a creative work, or continuing an existing project, please register on our website by clicking the "Register URCW Activity" link on the left-hand side of the page. Students should provide yearly updates of their activity.

In just a few minutes, you can be recognized for your work and join the URCW family at HPU!



Grants

URCW has the pleasure of awarding grants to students and faculty mentors to present their work at disciplinary conferences. Congratulations to the following URCW grant recipients!

Grant Recipients

1. **Leslie Bosse, Christine Watt, and Sydney Daneman** will each present their writing at the Midwest Modern Language Association: Undergraduate Research Symposium in Chicago, IL, under the mentorship of Dr. Matthew Carlson.

2. **Rachel Berndsen, Katie Connor, Nathan Grinalds, Will Lefever, Bella Postle, Mikaela Seemann, Kate Storo, and Julia Trautman** will present their research in chemistry at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (SERMACS) in Savannah, GA, under the mentorship of Dr. Meghan Blackledge*, Dr. Keir Fogarty*, Dr. Heather Miller*, Dr. Pamela Lundin, and Dr. Andrew Wommack*.

*attending SERMACS

Grant Applications

URCW is committed to encouraging and supporting high quality undergraduate research and creative projects. To that end, the University has made funds available to support student and faculty mentor travel to present research or creative work, participate in competitions or performances, and to support works in progress. Grants are available in the following capacities:

1. Student and Faculty Travel Grants
2. Scholarly Interdisciplinary Research Grant (SIRG)
3. Small Project Support Grants

Visit our website, www.highpoint.edu/urcw, to request funds for a grant that best suits your work.

Student Achievement Profile:

Aurora Jacques



Aurora Jacques is a senior at High Point University studying Criminal Justice. Over the summer, she completed a strategic research internship at the Institute for Justice, a non-profit law firm in the greater Washington, DC area. As an intern, she conducted legal research and social science research on civil forfeiture legislation—laws that allow the government to seize property on suspicion of criminal activity. She investigated the negative impact forfeiture laws have on low-income communities where citizens lack the means to attend court hearings or knowledge to defend themselves legally. During her internship, Aurora completed data analyses on literature surrounding these legal issues and conducted quantitative social science research studies.

Aurora attributes her internship opportunity to the experience she received at the Summer Research Institute (SuRI) conducting qualitative and quantitative research on the use of educational tablets for inmates in local Guilford County jails. She notes the data analysis techniques learned from Dr. Thomas Dearden, former associate professor of criminal justice at HPU. While in SuRI, Aurora participated in an elevator pitch competition and won the award for best pitch! Without these formative experiences, she may not have been afforded the chance to intern at the Institute for Justice this summer.

Following her achievements in research as an undergraduate, Aurora plans to attend law school after graduation in May. She even considers getting her PhD. URCW wishes Aurora the best of luck in her future academic pursuits and congratulates her for completing a successful internship this summer. Keep up the great work, Aurora!

Important Upcoming Events



SNCURCS

At the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS) students will have the opportunity to present their research or creative work through posters, oral presentations, performances, displays, and films.

Abstracts are due October 21st and the Barthalmus Grant deadline is October 18th. Registration fees will be covered by URCW and transportation will be provided to and from the event. Please contact Dr. Altman as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

Date: November 23rd, 2019
Location: Duke University



Posters on the Hill

Posters on the Hill is a very competitive opportunity for students whose projects may be of interest to legislators. Students will meet with members of Congress and discuss their research through poster presentations.

Applications will be accepted from September 4th to November 5th, 2019.

Date: Spring 2020
(Dependent upon schedule of legislatures)
Location: The Capitol, Washington, DC



NCUR

This year, the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) will be held at Montana State University. Online abstract submissions will be open from September 30th through December 6th. Once decisions have been made, students will be notified of their acceptance by late January, 2020.

Date: March 26th-28th, 2020
Location: Montana State University

Summer Research Programs

*applications open spring 2020



1.

SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SuRF):

SuRF is a competitive program for research assistant positions with faculty in the Health Sciences. Free campus housing is provided during the program, along with a summer stipend. Students who attend SuRF will work on projects in various fields including physical therapy, exercise science, and athletic training.

2.

SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM IN THE SCIENCES (SuRPS):

SuRPS is a competitive program for 26 research assistant positions with faculty in biology, chemistry, and physics. Free campus housing, meals, and a summer stipend are provided for students accepted into the program.

3.

SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (SuRI):

SuRI is open to undergraduate students in all disciplines. Students collaborate on a research project with faculty mentors to develop a project goal, method, and timeline. Free campus housing is provided and students will be able to present their work during the Family Weekend poster session at the beginning of the 2021 semester.

New RISE app for First-Year Students



NEW THIS SEMESTER

When updating your resume, it can be difficult to remember all of the extracurricular activities and accomplishments you've achieved during your college experience. The Rise app is here to help! With Rise, simply record all of your accomplishments by earning specialized URCW badges through the completion of interactive and engaging tasks.

Search "Rise by Fund Five" in the App Store or on Google Play to get started!

URCW BADGES

Earn URCW badges in the Rise app including:

- Discovering URCW
- Engage in URCW
- Link up and connect in URCW
- Partner and succeed in URCW

OPTIONAL BADGES

Challenge yourself to earn these optional badges:

- Become a mentee
- Explore the process of academic discovery through research or creative works
- Showcase your creative or scholarly work
- URCW professional development

