



## NAVIGATING YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR: UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

### What is Undergraduate Research?

#### Summer Scholars Program

- **SAVE THE DATE: Application deadline is no later than 5 PM (EST) on Monday, February 13, 2017**
- **Applications should be submitted via email, as a PDF, to Dr. Jeffrey Carney (Jeffrey.carney@cnu.edu)**
- **Information about the Summer Scholars Program can be found on the Undergraduate Research website: <https://interweb.cnu.edu/research/index.aspx>**

#### SIGNING DAY 2017

- **SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 12–2 PM in the DSU Ballroom**
- **Business casual attire**
- **Officially declare your major and sign on as a member of your department**
- **You'll receive a Signing Day pen, a button representing your major, and a special gift from the Sophomore Class Council**

Undergraduate research is an academic inquiry conducted by an undergraduate student which employs discipline-specific methodologies and results in a product notable for its originality, rigor, and / or creativity. Suitable products include essays, reports, experiments, artworks, or performances. Research opportunities are available in all fields of study, including the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, applied sciences, and fine arts.

#### Undergraduate research benefits...

- ◆ *you* - Undergraduate researchers benefit from close mentoring relationships with faculty members and gain

valuable skills that will help them in the classroom. Presentations at Paideia and publications in *Cupola* impress graduate schools and employers alike!

- ◆ *your campus* - The focus on undergraduate research is one of the things that makes CNU unique. As an undergraduate researcher, you'll be contributing to a vibrant interdisciplinary conversation that influences peers as well as professors.
- ◆ *your world* - Research at every level has practical ramifications for the way we view human actions and the world in which those actions occur. Undergraduate research encourages fellow Captains to understand, analyze, and act positively in the world beyond the Great Lawn.

#### Undergraduate research at CNU is...

- ◆ presented at the annual Paideia Conference
- ◆ published in the *Cupola* online student journal
- ◆ fostered by the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Committee (UGRC)
- ◆ Supported by a variety of organizations and awards, including the Douglas K. Gordon Endowed Undergraduate and Graduate Research Fund

### How Do I Get Started with Undergraduate Research?

There are a few important points for you to know about undergraduate research.

- 1) Any and every student can get involved!
- 2) To get involved in research you need to find a project and a

faculty mentor.

How do I do this?

—*Think* about the classes you've enjoyed and the assignments / readings that interested you.

—*Talk* to a professor who teaches or researches in a field that interests you.

Professors are aware of unsolved problems / intriguing challenges in their field.

—*Connect* with a member of the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Committee!



## Upcoming Themes for Navigating Your Sophomore Year:

Christopher Newport Hall, Suite 124

Hours:  
Monday–Friday  
9 a.m.–12 p.m., 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Phone: 757-594-7684  
E-mail: [academicsuccess@cnu.edu](mailto:academicsuccess@cnu.edu)

- February—Getting (More) Involved
- March—Next Steps after Signing Day
- April—Community Engagement

Questions about your sophomore experience: Contact  
Brittany Grubb at [Brittany.grubb@cnu.edu](mailto:Brittany.grubb@cnu.edu)

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## Summer Scholars Program



The CNU Summer Scholars Program is an eight (8) week, in-residence summer program for students and faculty to collaboratively work on a faculty-derived research question.

The program will run June 5<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, concurrent with the Summer I and Summer II academic terms. Program participants (Student Research Fellows, SRF) will have the opportunity to work with a faculty member and be a part of a community of faculty and student scholars. Several goals of the program are to develop enhanced research and communication skills, provide opportunities

to become better acquainted with our library’s scholarly resources, and expand inquiry and problem-solving capabilities.

Student Research Fellows will receive a \$3200 stipend and an allowance for the cost of housing during the duration of the program **Applications for the program are to be submitted by a student-faculty team no later than February 13, 2017.** All applications will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary team of faculty. Announcements of the awards will be made before Spring Break. Student Research Fellows will work the equiv-

alent of 40 hours per week during the program. In addition, there will be several organized activities, including seminars and social events, throughout the summer program.

Additional information regarding the program, application, and criteria for evaluating proposals can be found on the new IntraWeb for Students under “Beyond the Classroom” (<https://interweb.cnu.edu/research/index.aspx>)

Please direct any questions to Dr. Jeffrey Carney ([jeffrey.carney@cnu.edu](mailto:jeffrey.carney@cnu.edu)), Program Director.