EXPLORING ARCHIVAL+LIBRARY RESEARCH RESOURCES:

Spring 2024

A quick introduction to URF resources!

- Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (urf.Columbia.edu)
  - Brainstorm ideas and bring questions
  - Receive feedback on draft materials (essays, resumes, etc.)
  - Get information about how to find an opportunity, and answers to questions about opportunities
  - Answer or resources to answer other questions you might have (no matter how big or small)!
  - Receive our weekly newsletter with updates, announcements, upcoming deadlines, etc. (e-mail ugrad-urf@Columbia.edu)
  - Come to URF events! Meet foundation representatives; come to a roundtable discussion, an info session, a workshop.
    - Exploring Applications: Personal Statements vs. Research Statements, Feb.13, 4-5pm (on zoom)
    - Fulbright Week, March 25-28 (on zoom)
    - Focus on the early deadlines! Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell Scholarships: April 4, 2-3pm (on zoom)
    - Rhodes and Marshall Scholars, Columbia Alumni Panel: April 26, 2-3pm (on zoom)

- How to connect with URF:
  - Make a 30 minute appointment with a URF advisor (in person upon request; otherwise by zoom)
  - Come to "walk-in" zoom hours, daily, 12-1 for advice or a shorter conversation with a URF advisor
  - E-mail materials to ugrad-urf@Columbia.edu for electronic advising
  - Rose Fellows Near Peer Advising and Blog
    - "**Should I Go To Grad School? Questions and Thoughts to Consider**"
    - "**Applying to Rhodes: A Conversation with Two Rhodes Finalists**"
    - "**The Dreaded Cold-Email**"

- Check out our website!
  - Finding a Fellowship or Research Opportunity
    - Our database
    - Opportunities listed by department
    - Centers and Institutes
    - Quick guides: academic year fellowships and summer fellowships
    - New database UROP (undergraduate research opportunities, or UROP)

Identifying Research Opportunities for Libraries and Archives

Independent research:
- The applicant comes up with the who, what, where, why, when of the project;
- The applicant identifies a faculty mentor, PI, affiliate, or supervisor.

Cohort based programs
- Independent research is often a component
- You are part of a cohort of scholars motivated by shared interests or fields

Guided research:
- Summer or postgraduate degree course;
- Contribute to a larger research project, designed and overseen by an expert;
- Fieldwork
- Study abroad

Independent Research (summer+)

Self-designed / faculty guided research experience, project, and practice that will culminate in the fellow's own contribution to the field, discipline, or other supported conclusion in the form of a creative effort.

Examples of Faculty Sponsored Research Projects with Columbia Faculty:

- The Ambedkur Initiative (History and Human Rights)

- Anti-mafia Investigative Journalists in Sicily (Anthropology)

- Partisan Polarization and "Culture War" Issues (Political Science)

- The politics of immunity, chronicity and risk in post-colonial India (Sociomedical sciences and history)

- Mapping Historical New York (History)

- URF Summer Research Fellowships (March 2024) (faculty sponsored projects or independent research proposals are accepted!)

- Comer Climate Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (March 2024)

- Senior Thesis Funding (*looking ahead!* Dec.2024)

- Center for Career Education Summer Funding (April 2024)

- Columbia Research Initiative on the Global History of Sexualities Summer Research Fellowship (March 2024)

- The Center for French and Francophone Studies Undergraduate Research Fellowship (March 2024)

- 2024 ILAS Undergraduate Internship and Research Travel Grants (March 2024)

- Claudia Rattazzi Papka Memorial Fund in Medieval/Renaissance Studies (March 2024)

- Harriman Institute Undergraduate Research Fellowships-FSU countries

- Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life Undergraduate Research Fellowship (March 2024)

- Weatherhead Training Grant (March 2024)

- Center for American Studies & New-York Historical Society Internship (*looking ahead!* Jan.2025)

Cohort Based Research Programs (summer+)

Advanced learning based in experiential, intensive, and specialized training intended to help the fellow improve their professional knowledge, competence, skills, and effectiveness within the given field. Group-based fellowship programs and learning experiences.

- Laidlaw Scholars Program (Mar.2024) (rising sophomores only!) (faculty sponsored projects or independent research proposals are accepted!)
- Humanities Research Scholars Program (Mar.2024) (rising juniors only!) (faculty sponsored projects or independent research proposals are accepted!)
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (February 2024) (rising juniors only)
- Leadership Alliance (Feb 2024)
- IIJS Israel Fellowship (Feb 2024)
- Holder Research Fellows Program (summer deadline)
- Global Thought Scholars (fall deadline)

Guided Research Programs (summer+)

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Group-based fellowship programs and learning experiences.

- Columbia Summer Practicum in Public Humanities and Hellenic Studies (*may not be running this year!*)
- Naomi Prawer Kadar Fellowship in Yiddish (offered in summer 2025)
- Kyoto Consortium Summer: Classical Japanese (Feb.2024)
- Columbia Summer in Paris (March 2024)
- Columbia affiliated archaeological fieldwork

Top 5 questions, concerns and anxieties URF hears about research!

- I've never done research before—it's too late for me to start.

- I'm curious about research, but I don't have a project. Maybe I'm not cut out for research?

- I don't have a faculty mentor lined up and I don't know anyone who will supervise me. Am I even eligible for this application?

- I don't have a 4.00 GPA; maybe I'm not qualified?

- I want to switch fields of study. I can't conduct research in a field when I know nothing/have had little exposure, can I?

Our database is one resource! There are others!

- Columbia's UROP database – *new!*

- Columbia's Centers and Institutes

- URF's list of departmental resources

- Predoc (https://www.predoc.org/)

- Pivot (https://pivot-proquest-com.ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/dashboard)--this one requires your UNI!

- ProFellow.com

- Scholars for Development: https://www.scholars4dev.com/

- Jobs.ac.uk

- https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding