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Center for Undergraduate Research

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From history to visual art to mechanical engineering, KU students in majors across campus can participate in undergraduate research.

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“My experience in research, the network of people, and the resources I've been able to access through the Emerging Scholars Program continue to help propel me toward the completion of my academic and career goals.”

Emerging Scholar Participant



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

- Supporting first- and second-year students in paid research positions across the university through Emerging Scholars.
- Expanding Emerging Scholars through grant funds and donations to allow support of some students in their 3rd and 4th years.
- Offering student research showcases and symposia at the end of each semester, with a variety of presentation media, with 100s of students participating each year, with in-class and out of class research.
- Dispensing 75-80 undergraduate research awards each year to support undergraduate research.

309

UG Symposium
Presentations

28

Research-Intensive
UG Courses

53

Emerging Scholars

116

UG Research Award
Applicants

“Beyond career preparation, Emerging Scholars was the first group at KU where I truly felt like I fit in and found my place.

Whenever I encounter incoming high school seniors attending KU, I always encourage them to apply to the Emerging Scholars program as I truly believe this program changed the trajectory of my time at KU.”

KU Student

Priority #6 Proactively connect students with career and experiential learning through curricular and co-curricular activities throughout their academic career.

Students will understand that research is for everyone, no matter their major.

- Metrics: Number of students involved with Center programs, including Getting Started appointments

Students will understand what research looks like in their discipline.

- Metrics: Number of students in Emerging Scholars, applying for UGRAs, and in research intensive courses

Center staff will foster inclusive and supportive environment, so students feel comfortable exploring and participating in research

- Metrics: Number of students participating in Center programs and the demographics of these students.
Curate information so that students can take-in, make meaning, and take timely action.



“[Doing research is] completely worth it. It may seem intimidating at first, but as long as you and your mentor set reasonable goals and work to achieve those goals in a systematic and timely manner, it's not too rough at all. It also provides you with great material for when you're looking to apply to graduate programs, so that's a plus.”

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