

Undergraduate Research and Distinguished Scholarships



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Today's presentation

- Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)
- Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE)
- How you can help

Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- Competitive national and international awards for high-achieving students who show promise as future leaders in their fields
- Opportunities for
 - Undergraduate research in STEM fields
 - Undergraduate study abroad & language immersion
 - Graduate study abroad in the UK or Ireland
 - Graduate study in public service

Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- Support for 21 scholarships in partnership with the Office of International Affairs

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the University of Oregon website. The header includes the University of Oregon logo and the text 'UNIVERSITY OF OREGON'. To the right are links for 'APPLY', 'VISIT', and 'GIVE'. Below the header is a green banner with the text 'Undergraduate Studies'. Underneath the banner are navigation links: 'Discover Majors', 'Find Academic Support', 'Explore Campus & Career Opportunities', and 'About UGS'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with the heading 'GET STARTED WITH DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIPS' and two links: 'Find Your Distinguished Scholarship' and 'Distinguished Scholarship Recipients'.

Find Your Distinguished Scholarship

[Boren Awards for International Study](#) | [Winston Churchill Foundation Scholarship](#) | [Critical Language Scholarships](#) | [DAAD \(German Academic Exchange Service\)](#) | [Fulbright US Student Program](#) | [Gates Cambridge](#) | [Benjamin Gilman Scholarships](#) | [Gaither Junior Fellows](#) | [Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships](#) | [Ernest F. Hollings Scholarships](#) | [Knight Hennessey Scholars](#) | [Marshall Mitchell Scholarships](#) | [Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program](#) | [Rhodes Scholarships](#) | [RISE](#) | [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#) | [Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans](#) | [Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship](#) | [Truman Scholarships](#) | [Morris K. Udall Scholarship](#)

NOTE: Please note campus deadlines are earlier than external deadlines. These dates change annually; please check back for updated information.

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

Boren scholarships (undergraduate students) and Boren fellowships (graduate students) provide unique funding opportunities for US students to add an important international and language component to their educations. Boren awards focus on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study critical to US interests and under-represented in study abroad.

Internal deadline: mid-January

External deadlines: early February

Undergraduate advisor: [Chin Yi Chen](#)

Graduate advisor: [Will Johnson](#)

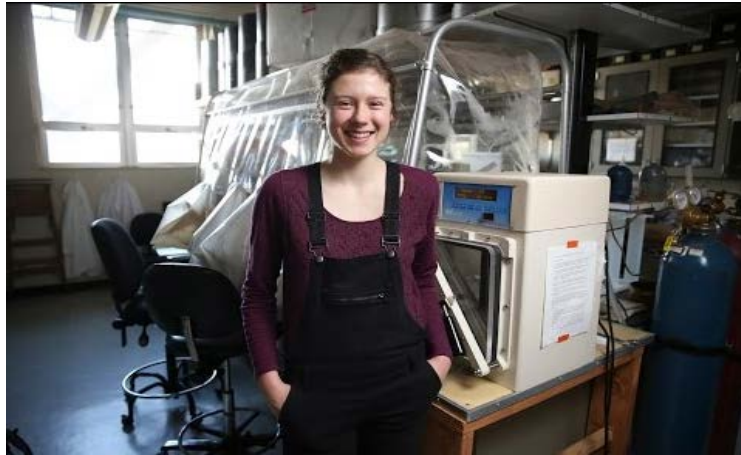
Eligibility: must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application

Website: www.borenawards.org

<https://ugs.uoregon.edu/find-your-distinguished-scholarship>

Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- Many recent UO distinguished scholarship winners!



Amelia Fitch, winner of the Gates Cambridge Scholarship



Namratha Somayajula, winner of the Scoville Peace Fellowship

<https://ugs.uoregon.edu/distinguished-scholarship-recipient>

Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS)

- Our challenges as a campus
 - Understaffed DS office
 - Getting information to students
 - Student willingness to apply
 - Student preparation
 - Support for application process

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■ What ODS does

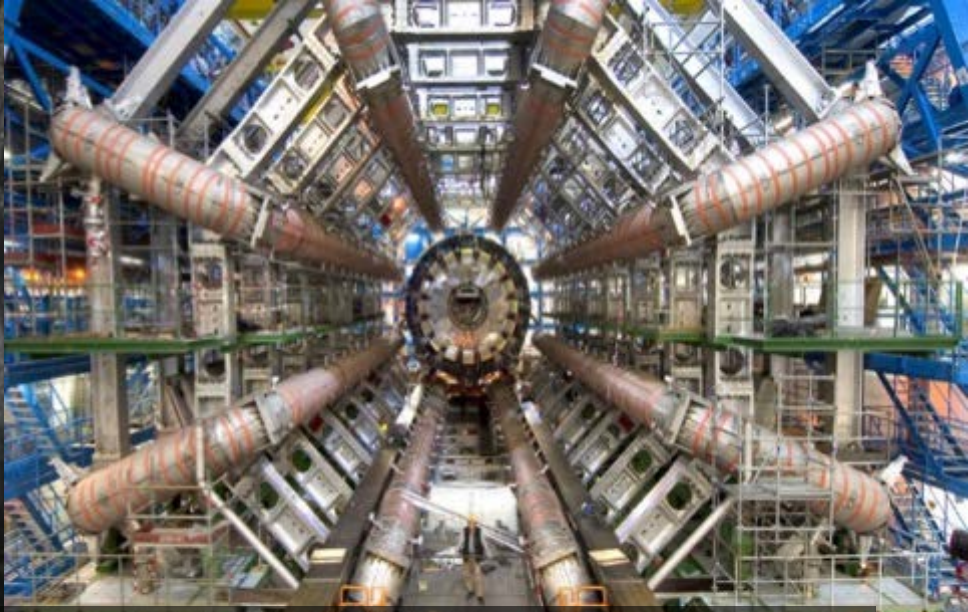
- Scholarship advising—Monday to Thursday (4 - 6 pm & by appointment) in GSH 104 (w/ Housing)
- Support for interviews & finalist preparation (with ODS board & other faculty)
- Info sessions & outreach to students (CHC/FA undergrad Momo Wilms-Crowe)
- Workshops on skill building

How you can help:

Identify students with DS
potential...e-mail me
(jjosh@uoregon.edu)

Encourage faculty to mentor top
students & write letters of
recommendation

Encourage faculty to help advise on a
particular scholarship if they have
experience with it or its focus area



Undergraduate Research



Undergraduate Research

- Importance of research in the undergraduate experience
 - Technical proficiencies & 'soft' skills
 - Connections with faculty & graduate students
 - Knowledge synthesis & better learning outcomes
 - Effects on persistence to graduation
 - More competitive on the job market
 - Better success in applications to graduate school

Undergraduate Research

- Undergraduate research helps connect the dots among our University's three fundamental priorities
 - Research excellence
 - Student access & success
 - Providing a rich undergraduate experience

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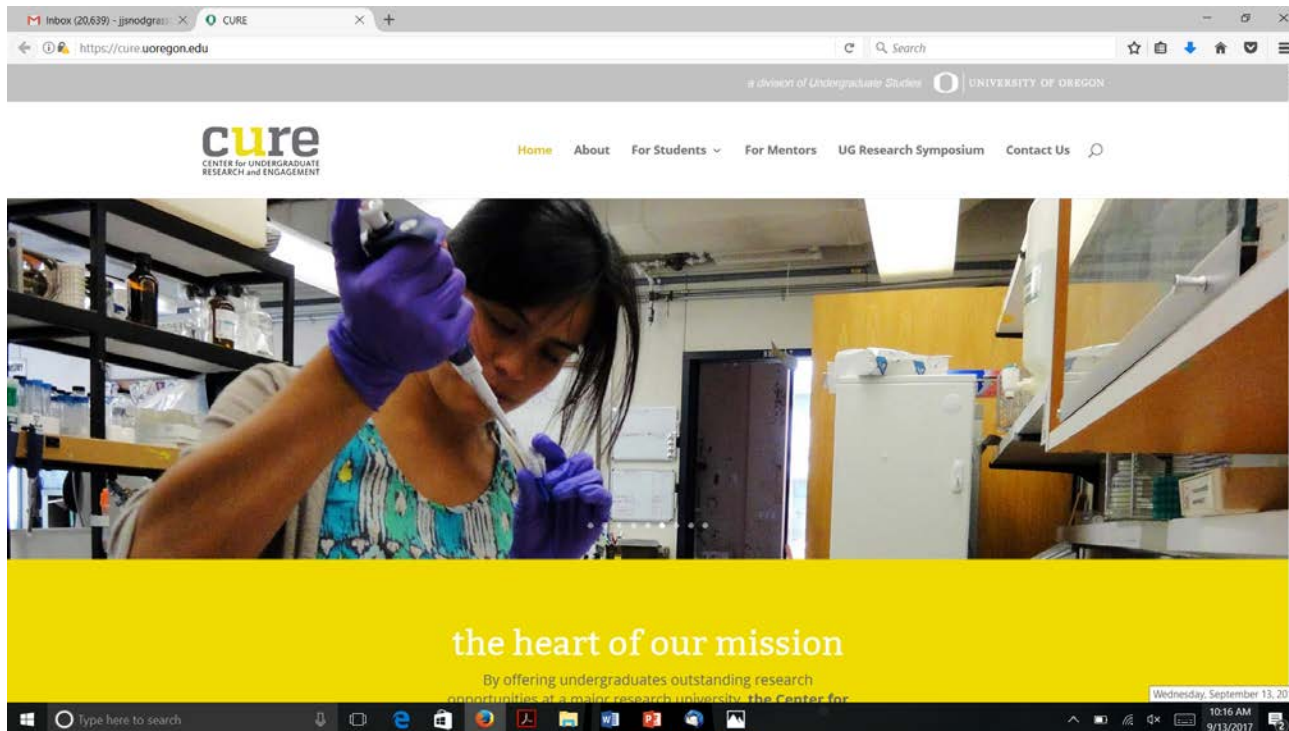
- UO underperforms in research opportunities & support
- Our challenges at UO
 - Relatively few research opportunities
 - ❖ High number of students per TTF member
 - Few financial resources to support student involvement
 - Uneven distribution of opportunities across campus
 - Lack of systems & centralization

Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE)

- CURE launches in Fall 2017
 - Connect students with research opportunities via DuckConnect platform (requires a culture shift!)
 - Competitive grants to support
 - travel to conferences & emergency needs
 - summer research opportunities
 - Support for programs that focus on underrepresented groups (e.g., SCORE & SPUR/OURS)
 - Skill building workshops (& Week of Research)
 - Campus perspective on internships/engagement
 - Advising (M-Th 4-6 pm; GSH 104)

Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE)

- CURE website is live (to be completed by week 1)



<https://cure.uoregon.edu/>

Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE)

- CURE launch party

- Tuesday, October 17 from 4-5:30 pm in GSH 123
(The Great Room)

- Remarks by the President & Provost

- Remarks by Stephanie Majewski, Alex De Verteuil,
and Alli Dona

- Reception with presentation of student work



What we need from you:

Encourage faculty to post research opportunities to DuckConnect

Encourage students to participate in the Undergraduate Research Symposium

Allow us to come to a faculty meeting and present about distinguished scholarships and undergraduate research

