

Re: 2024-2025 Annual Report (Advisory Committee for the Office of Student Research)

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On October 4 and November 4, 2024, the committee met to discuss funding decisions for the fall Student Research and Travel grants. In fall 2023, the Office of Student Research (OSR) advertised two rounds of Student Research and Travel grants. We received 10 applications (8 research, 2 travel) and the committee reviewed and decided to fund all 10 of the applications. In addition, we funded four students to present their research at the MARCUS (Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for Undergraduate Scholarship) and seven students to present their research at the NURVa (Network for Undergraduate Research in Virginia) conferences. Taken together, OSR supported a total of 32 students who presented their research at conferences outside of Longwood and 26 students who applied for research funding in fall 2024. In fall 2024, we also revised the Student Research and Travel grant application to improve the clarity of the descriptions and to increase the amount of information we required students to submit in their applications.

On February 12 and March 6, 2025, the committee met to discuss funding decisions for the spring Student Research and Travel grants. In spring 2024, OSR advertised two rounds of Student Research and Travel grants. We received 37 applications (11 research, 16 travel) and the committee reviewed and decided to fund 31 of the 37 applications. This provided funding for 19 students to present at conferences and research funds to 20 students. In addition, seven students were accepted to present at NCUR in April 2025 and six students presented at the inaugural Posters in the Capitol event in Richmond, VA. Taken together, OSR supported a total of 32 students who presented their research at conferences outside of Longwood and 20 students who applied for research funding in spring 2025.

In total for 2024-2025, OSR provided funding for 46 students to present their research at conferences and 32 students who applied for research funding.

In spring 2025, OSR invited students to nominate their faculty mentors for the Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award. OSR received 6 nominations from students and the advisory committee reviewed these nominations and selected the two recipients. The awards winners were announced at the Excellence in Research and Creative Inquiry Award Ceremony in April 23, 2025 during the Spring Student Showcase.