

Re: 2023-2024 Annual Report (Advisory Committee for the Office of Student Research)

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On October 3 and November 6, 2023, 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 19 applications (9 research, 10 travel) and the committee reviewed and decided to fund 18 of the 19 applications. In addition, we funded students to present their research at the MARCUS (Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for Undergraduate Scholarship) and 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 12 students who applied for research funding in fall 2023. In fall 2023, 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 2 and February 29, 2024, 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 24 applications (11 research, 13 travel) and the committee reviewed and decided to fund all the applications. This provided funding for 19 students to present at conferences and research funds to 14 students. In addition, three students were accepted to present at NCUR in April 2024. Taken together, OSR supported a total of 22 students who presented their research at conferences outside of Longwood and 14 students who applied for research funding in spring 2024.

In total for 2023-2024, OSR provided funding for 54 students to present their research at conferences and 26 students who applied for research funding.

In spring 2024, OSR invited students to nominate their faculty mentors for the Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award. OSR received 11 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 17, 2024 during the Spring Student Showcase.