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THE OFFICE OF
UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCH

**NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
WELCOME!**

OVER HALF
of U of I undergraduates
participate in
RESEARCH,
highest in
the state



Office Of Undergraduate Research



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<https://www.uidaho.edu/research/students/undergraduates>

I Who are we and what do we do?

- The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) supports student engagement in research, scholarly and creative activities at the University of Idaho. We foster student engagement across all disciplines by raising the visibility of undergraduate research, facilitating research opportunities for students, and helping students showcase their work.

I The 3 tenets of the OUR

- We promote research and creative activity efforts of UI Students
- We fund Research and Creative activity efforts of UI Students
- We provide a forum to showcase research and creative activity efforts of UI Students

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- CBE – Shenghan Xu
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- CALS – JT Van Leuven
- CNR – Mark Coleman
- COE – **Nathan Schiele**
- CEHSS – Joshua Bailey
- CAA – Amy Rakich
- CLASS – Caitlin Cieslik-Miskimem
- COS – Kris Waynant / Paul Rowley

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- 1) Think (~15 sec)
- 2) Pair (~1-2 min)
- 3) Share (~1-2 min)



Reflections from
Idaho INBRE
undergraduate
research fellows



Reflections from a few UI students on their own undergraduate research experiences.

- I Humbling, Fulfilling, Interesting – Michael Camerino
- I Empowering, Educational, Research – Kristin Nesbitt
- I Exciting, Challenging, Fulfilling – Michael Elder Waters
- I Insightful, Meaningful, Collaborative – Nathan Reynolds
- I Read, Read, Read – Caleb Quates
- I Awesome, Science Rules – Frankie Scholz
- I Excellent Experience Realized – Mason Shipley
- I Inspirational, Educational, Potential-reaching – Leah Lambert

Reflections from a few UI faculty on their own undergraduate research experiences.

- I As an undergraduate student, I had the opportunity to conduct biomedical research with a supportive mentor. This research experience **changed my life**.
- I As a first-generation college student, I remember the **profound impact** independent research had on my future career choice.
- I My motivation for actively including undergraduates on my research team stems from my own experience as an undergraduate intern, **a life-changing event** for me.
- I Having been an undergraduate researcher myself, I can relate to its **transcending power**.

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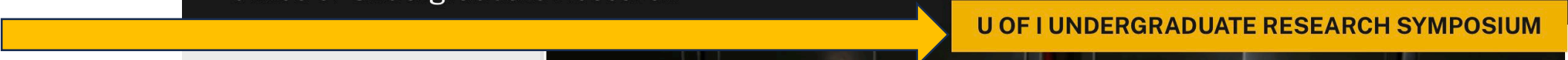
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Prospective Students ▾ Current Students ▾ Parents ▾ Alumni ▾ Faculty & Staff ▾

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Showcase



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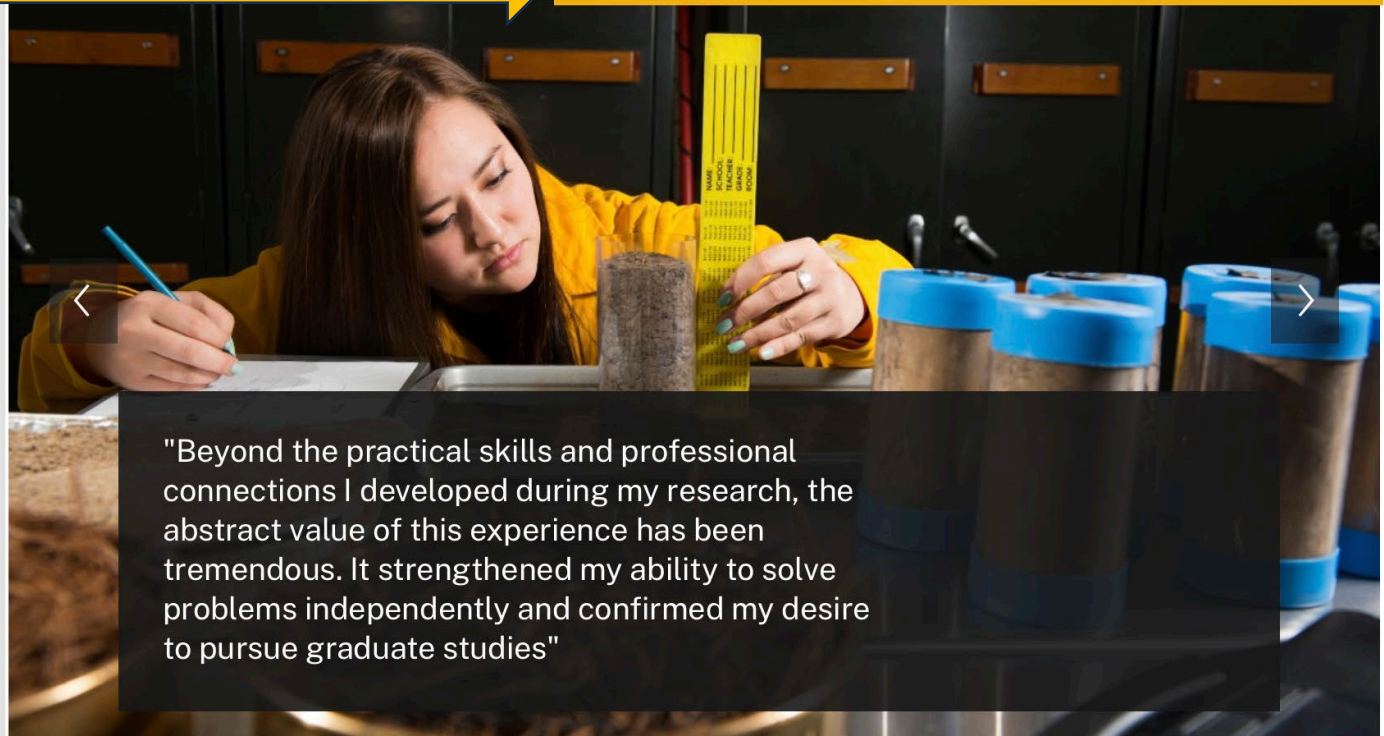


- About Us
- For Students
 - OUR Research Grants Program
 - Other Funding Opportunities
 - Postings by U of I Faculty
 - Guidelines for Acknowledging OUR Support

Promote



- For Faculty
- Symposia +
- Undergraduate Research Stories +
- I-SURE
- FAQs



"Beyond the practical skills and professional connections I developed during my research, the abstract value of this experience has been tremendous. It strengthened my ability to solve problems independently and confirmed my desire to pursue graduate studies"

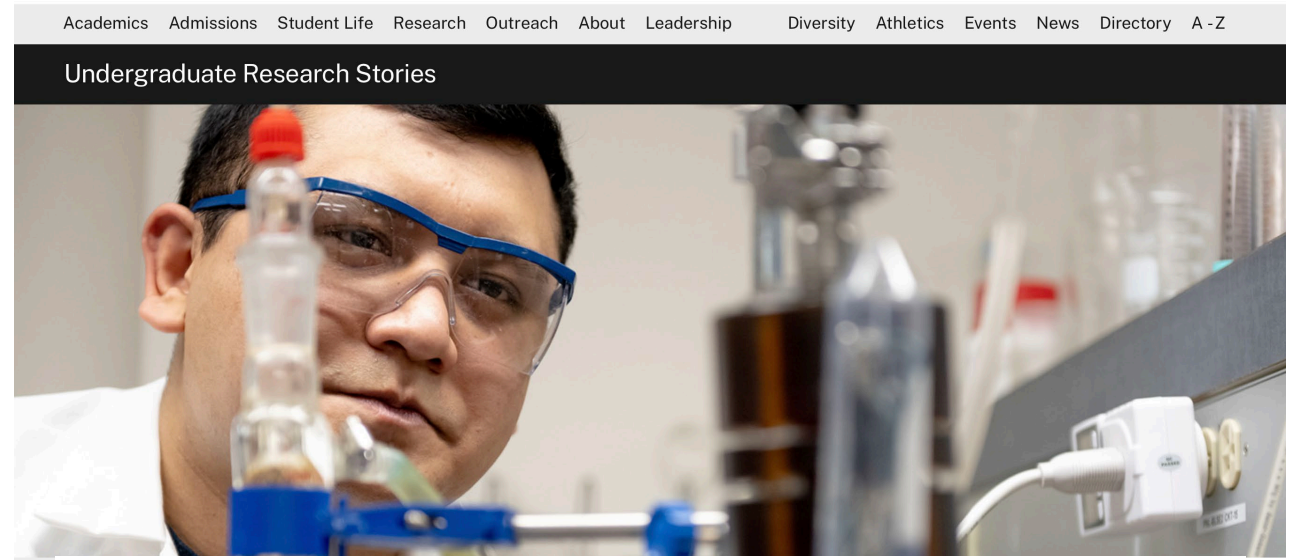
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Undergraduate Research Stories

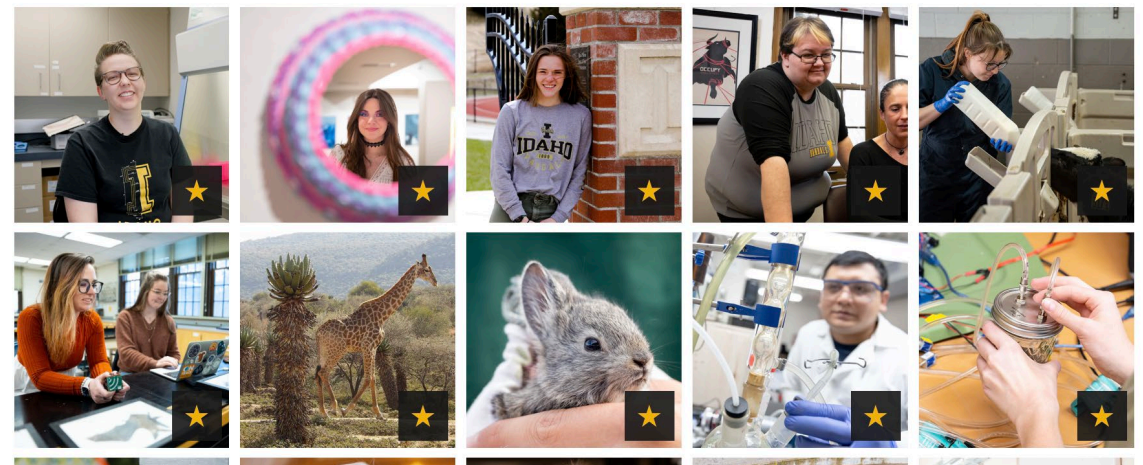
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Explore Our Student Research Features



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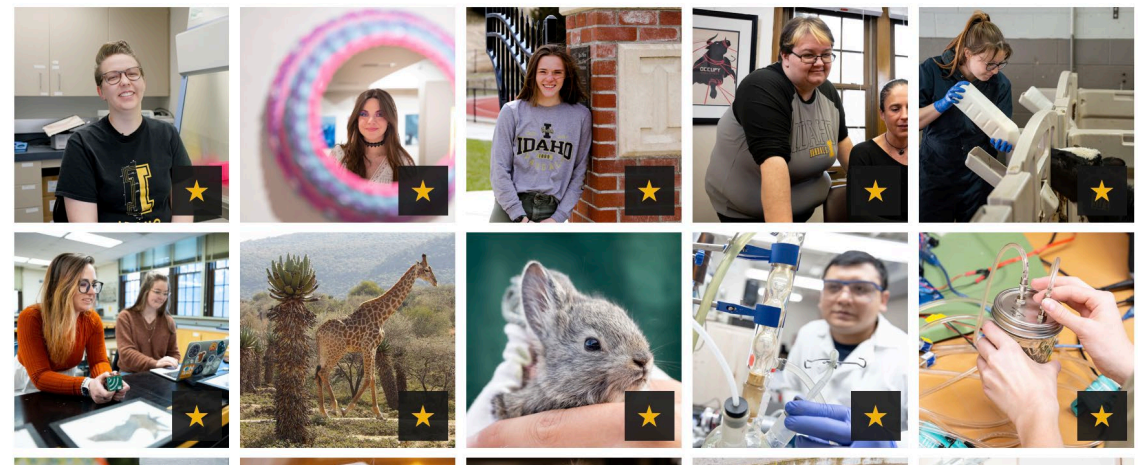
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Idaho Spotlight on Undergraduate Research Experiences (I-SURE)

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I Travel Awards

- The Office of Undergraduate Research offers a limited number of Travel Grants (up to \$800) to U of I undergraduate students to defray the cost of travel to present results of their research, scholarly or creative activities at a professional conference in their field. Rolling application process August – April for travel that will occur before June 30th.

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OUR Partnerships

State-Wide:



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IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence

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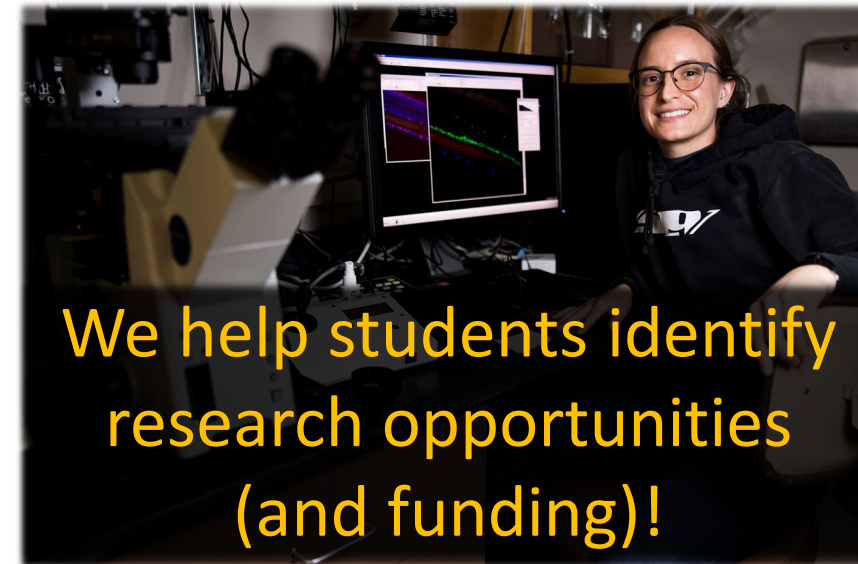


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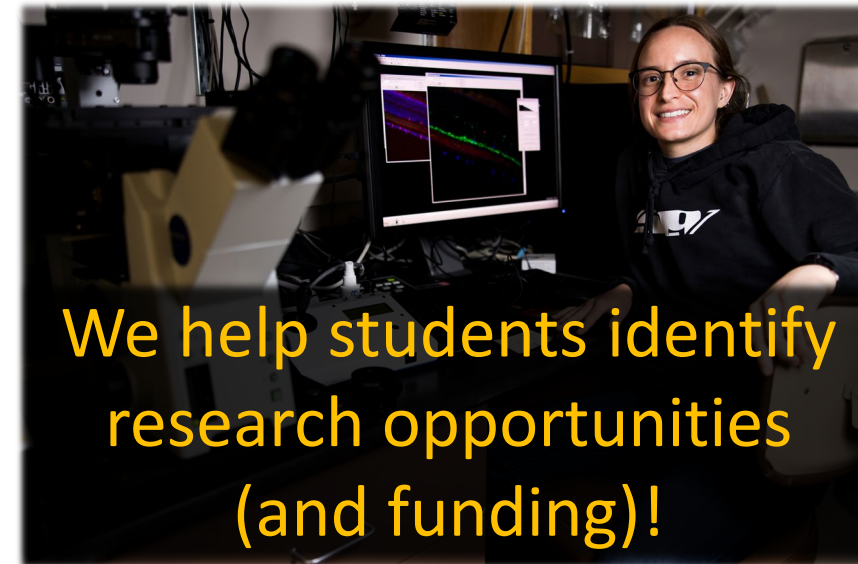
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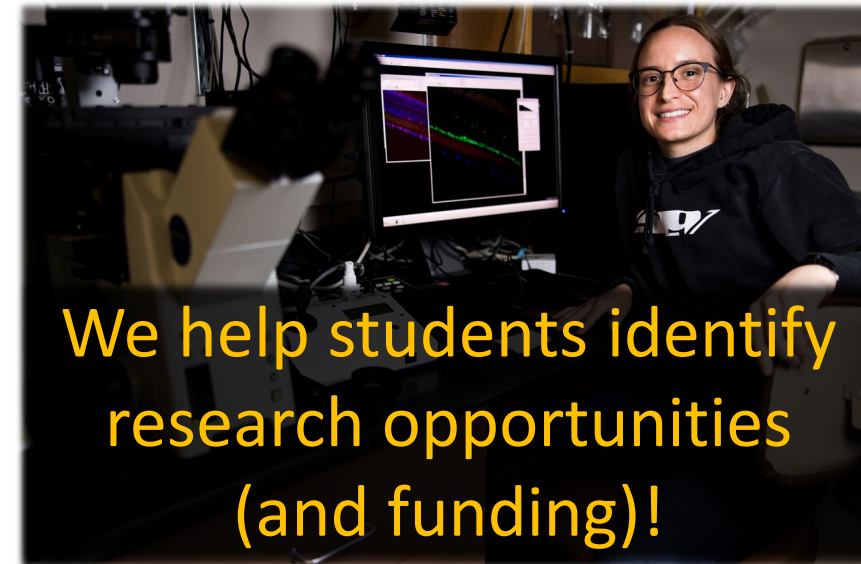
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You?:

- Planning to submit an NSF REU or NIH training grant?
- Looking to engage an UG student in research?

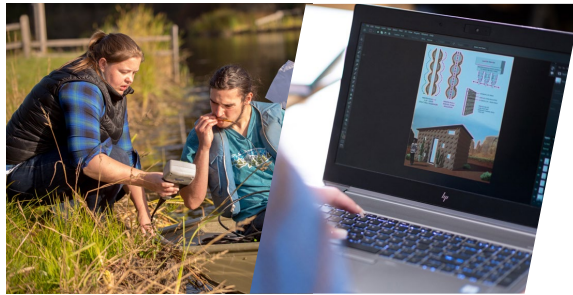
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SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 22nd, 2024, 2:30-4:30 pm

OUR ANNUAL RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ARTS SYMPOSIUM

SHOWCASE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY EFFORTS OF UI STUDENTS



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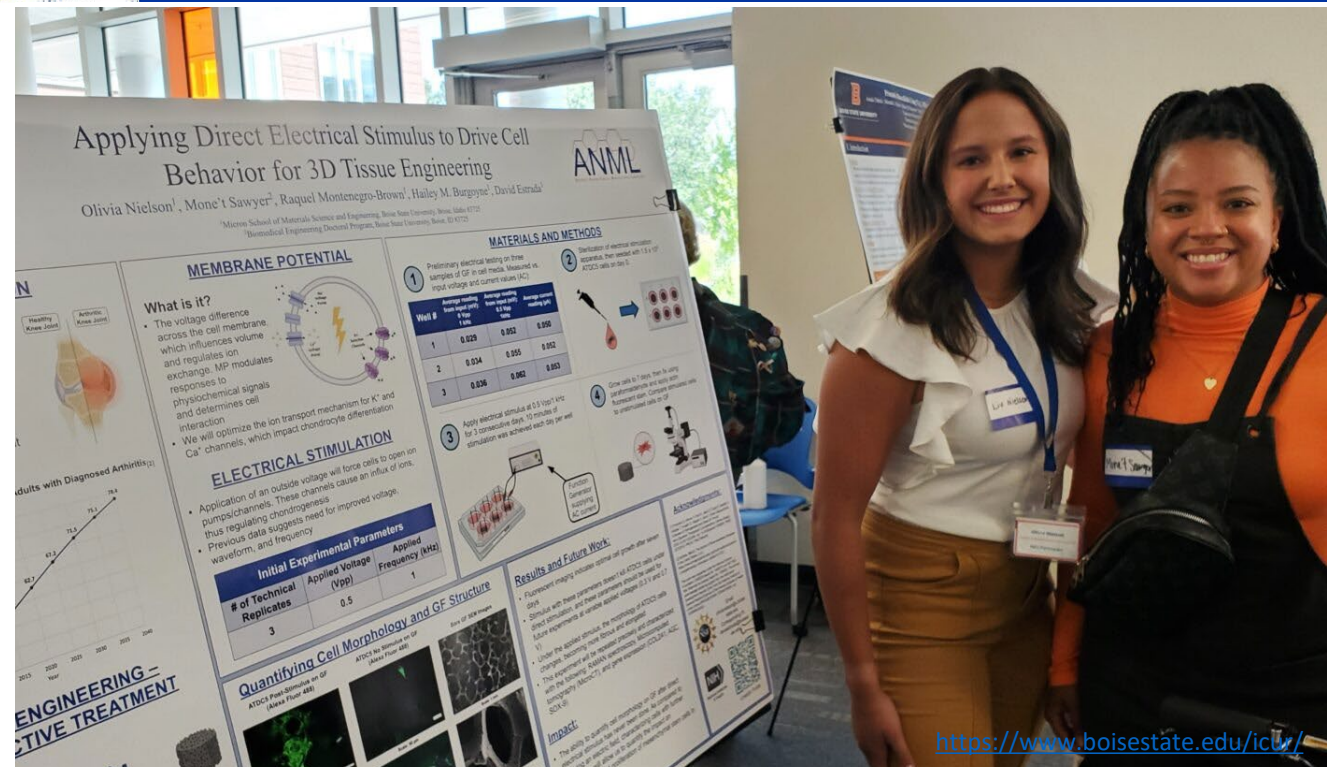
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VIRTUAL IDAHO CONFERENCE
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2024 dates to
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