Undergraduate Research Flight Plan: National Merit Scholars Track

Year 1: Fall

• ORUI to visit SLS Classes in the fall semester to discuss how to get started in research
• Visit ORUI (GS 212) and meet an ORUI peer mentor – discussion of how to find a research mentor (e.g., https://researchhub.fau.edu/)
• Attend one ORUI workshop e.g., How to Apply for a Grant, Research Ethics
• Identify a research mentor and begin conversations with the mentor
• Complete CITI training – Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) modules and other research training as discussed with your faculty mentor

Year 1: Spring

• Meet with research faculty mentor and begin working on research project
• Collaborate with faculty mentor to apply for an ORUI Undergraduate Research Grant or the FAU WAVE Competition.
• Attend or present at the ORUI Undergraduate Research Symposium in Spring
• Apply for an internal/external summer research experience for undergraduates
  o ORUI Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
  o NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates
  o Other research funding opportunities

Year 1: Summer

• Strongly recommended: Continue working with faculty mentor in research and/or participate in a Summer research experience inside or outside of FAU.

Year 2:

• Apply for Honors in the Major Programs
• Continue working with faculty mentor in research
• Present your research at a regional or national conference (consult with your faculty mentor)
  o Life Sciences South Florida (LSSF)- Regional
  o Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC)- Statewide
  o National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)- National

Years 3 and 4:

• Apply for an external summer research experience for undergraduates
  o NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates
  o Other research funding opportunities
• Submitting your research to the Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal or to other regional or national journals (consult with your faculty mentor)
• Barry Goldwater Scholarship: - sophomores and juniors who plan to go to grad school (Research focused)
• NSF GRFP - STEM graduate scholarships for research-focused graduate students (Seniors eligible)
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