



2024-25 Undergraduate Researcher of the Year Award

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI) invite nominations for the Annual *Undergraduate Researcher of the Year* (UROY) awards. Each year, one student from every college is selected for this award. Students are recognized at the annual Honors Convocation and receive a \$500 stipend and an "Undergraduate Research Scholar" stole to wear during their graduation ceremony.

Nomination Deadline: Second Friday in February (February 7th, 2025)

Eligibility

- ◆ Must have participated in at least two semesters of documented faculty-mentored undergraduate research and inquiry at FAU within the past calendar year (2024)
- ◆ Must be actively enrolled at FAU during the semester the awards are given (Spring) (Note: all research in the previous calendar year [January-December 2024] must have been conducted as an undergraduate)
- ◆ Must be in good academic standing at FAU
- ◆ Must agree to present at the annual OURI Undergraduate Research Symposium in April (oral presentation preferred)

Application and Review Process

- ◆ All applications should be completed and on [Survey Monkey Apply](#) by the second Friday of February
- ◆ Applications must be complete to be considered (see application and evaluation criteria below). Self-nominations are encouraged.
- ◆ Names of nominees sent to college deans for final selection.
- ◆ College deans and their respective committees will be asked to select one student from their college based on student involvement in research, inquiry, or scholarly activities. The name of the college awardee is submitted to OURI.
- ◆ Selected Undergraduate Researchers of the Year are recognized at the annual Honors Convocation in April.

Timeline

- ◆ **February 7th** Nominations and applications due
- ◆ **February 10th** Names and applications of nominees will be sent to college deans for selection
- ◆ **March 1st** Names of final college awardees due to OURI from deans
- ◆ **April 16th** Announcement of *Undergraduate Researchers of the Year* at Honors Convocation

Application and Evaluation Criteria

1. A complete application should include:
 - a. Completed [Online Nomination Form](#)
 - b. Current resume or curriculum vitae of the student (Maximum 5 pages), including the following if applicable:
 - i. Evidence of all undergraduate research and inquiry participation
 - ii. Evidence of research achievements. This could include presentations, exhibitions, publications, competitions, awarded grants etc.
 - c. A letter of support from faculty research mentor.

Note: The evaluation is based on the quality and quantity of research conducted by the FAU student. Students are also categorized by their mentor's college.