

All about the UGA Libraries Undergraduate Research Award

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Introduction

Communicating your research process can be challenging and rewarding. With the Undergraduate Research Award, we want to celebrate the different kinds of research projects students participate in and, more importantly, understand what they learned from the process.

GOAL

This year, we are looking for a **REFLECTION** on your research process using a medium of your choice, demonstrating creativity and clarity of expression.

Types of Submissions We Are Looking For

All formats are encouraged. We mean it! Examples include:

- videos
- games
- music
- art
- works of fiction
- essays

If your work is not text-based, please include a short description (think 300 words max) with your entry.

Group Projects

Did you work on something as a group? Great! We welcome group/collaborative submissions.





What To Avoid When Creating Your Submissions

While reflection sections are often incorporated in academic writing and research projects, we ask that you **avoid resubmitting assignments or projects intended for classes or conferences as your award submission**. Instead, tell us what you learned about that research assignment or project in a new, creative, and engaging way!

[We encourage you to look at past award winners on our website for examples.](#)

Evaluation Criteria: Research Process

To help you get started, your reflection submission might creatively address two or more of the following questions:

- What were your detours?
- What were your "aha" moments?
- What were your missteps?
- What were your moments of doubt?
- What was your inspiration?
- What was your plan B?
- What were your unexpected finds?





Evaluation Criteria: Creativity & Clarity of Expression

Our judging committee will also look at the following criteria when evaluating your reflection on the Research Process:

- **Creativity** - is your submission novel in some way?
- **Clarity of expression** - can your submission be understood by a non-specialist or someone outside the field?



Awards

Multiple cash prizes will be awarded, including:

- **First prize: \$1,000**
- **Second prize: \$750**
- **Third prize: \$500**
- **Two honorable mention prizes: \$250 each**

Recipients will be recognized and awarded at the **2026 CURO Symposium** in April.



Resources

MAIN LIBRARY	MILLER LEARNING CENTER	MULTIPLE LOCATIONS / ONLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Data Studio @ Main</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Creative Engagement Wing</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Tech Lending</u>• <u>Search Options</u>

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