

# ABI Undergraduate Research Scholar Program

## Mentor's Responsibilities

ABI URS faculty mentors receive \$1,250 for supplies to use as needed to support research/project/creative work of their scholar.

Faculty mentors agree to supervise and assist the scholar to conduct research/project/creative work assigned to them; encourage the scholar to attend/participate (if possible) in a research specific meeting such as the annual Fall ABI Research Symposium, Create@State, etc.; involve the scholar in possible publications and help prepare them to present their research experience and findings to the A-State community prior to the end of Spring 2025 term.

Faculty mentor will receive a brief scholar progress review form in mid-February to assess your scholar's progress. You may contact us at any time if the scholar is not meeting the URS program's expectations.

## Mentoring Tips!

1. Remember, this is most likely the first research experience for these scholars.
2. This is often more of an educational experience for the scholar initially, instead of a productivity experience for the PI. Sometimes both occur, which is awesome!
3. Do not accept a scholar unless you and/or a graduate student or postdoc can spend significant time with them.
4. Meet regularly, at least once every 2 weeks to monitor progress.
5. Encourage readings, presentations, and if possible have them present a poster at a regional/national meeting.
6. Encourage scholar to self-manage their projects.
7. Encourage artist/scholar to see the connections of their work as viable research endeavors to advance their individual fields.
8. Be supportive and provide validation for the hard work your scholar is expending. Unsolicited assurance can help instill confidence.
9. If possible, pair with a graduate student to the mutual benefit of both.
10. These scholars are not to be confused with someone you would hire to fulfill duties in your lab. However, they do need to learn and see all aspects of the research.

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- Conduct research/project/creative work under the guidance, direction, and supervision of your faculty mentor with a work schedule agreed upon by you and your mentor. The scope of the project and the expectations of your performance are decided between you and your mentor in advance.
- Devote an appropriate amount of time and energy toward achieving academic excellence and earning an undergraduate degree in a timely fashion
- Take the initiative to communicate regularly with faculty, especially in matters related to progress within this program and your degree
- Attend/participate (if possible) in a research specific meeting such as the Annual Fall ABI Research Symposium, participate in Create@State, etc.
- Present your research experience and findings to the A-State community prior to the end of Spring 2025 term
- Contact Prathima Pattada, ([prpattada@astate.edu](mailto:prpattada@astate.edu)) for any questions or concerns during your time as an ABI Undergraduate Research Scholar (URS)

## Evaluation

You and your faculty mentor will receive a progress review form in mid-February to assess your progress and performance. Ideally, this feedback will allow you to identify what is going well and the areas that could use improvement, during the second half of the program.

## Payments

You will be paid based the number of hours worked on this project (10-15 per week) at an hourly rate of \$11.00. You will be required to enter your time utilizing Banner Time Entry System. This program will end no later than May 15, 2025.