

# The Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research (OSCAR)

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# OSCAR



- Defines research and scholarship as the process of generating and sharing knowledge or creative works
- Encourages students to get involved in research and scholarship by
  - Offering research-based (RS) courses
  - Helping students refine projects
  - Helping students find mentors
  - Helping students find opportunities
  - Funding student projects
  - Funding student travel
  - Funding student research assistants



# OSCAR Programs

## Research Assistant Program

- For students eligible for federal work study as part of financial aid award
- Students work 10-15 hours per week, \$10 per hour
- Check Handshake (access from careers.gmu.edu) for job descriptions
- <https://oscar.gmu.edu/students/research-assistantships/>

## Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP)

- Scholarly, creative, and research projects
- Mentored by faculty, staff or graduate students
- One-on-one mentored projects
- Call for proposals 3 times per year (fall, spring, summer)
- <https://oscar.gmu.edu/students/ursp/>

# OSCAR Programs

## Undergraduate Student Travel Fund (USTF)

- <https://oscar.gmu.edu/students/travel-ustf>
- Funding for students traveling to present their results
- Presentations, performances, round tables, film screenings
- Must apply 30 days before travel
- Must still be enrolled to be reimbursed



# Oscar is part of Mason Impact

The Mason Impact offers a bold and challenging approach to academics, preparing you to tackle global questions and issues. You'll look at your studies with a different perspective. There are four areas of focus:

- Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities
- Community Engagement and Civic Learning
- Entrepreneurship
- Global Activities
- <https://provost.gmu.edu/initiatives/mason-impact>

# Mason Impact Programs

- Mason Impact Minigrants
  - For any students, including teams of students, working on a Mason Impact project
  - Up to \$500 for supplies, materials, access to resources
  - Apply any time, short turn around
  - <https://provost.gmu.edu/initiatives/mason-impact/mason-impact-students>
- Summer Team Impact Projects
  - <https://oscar.gmu.edu/students/summer-team-projects/>
  - Scholarly, creative, research, or entrepreneurial, or community-based projects
  - Awarded to faculty multidisciplinary team
  - Student involvement
    - At least two students per faculty mentor
    - Positions advertised on Handshake in Spring
    - Summer only - students work full time on project

# Contact or Follow OSCAR

Office virtual in Spring 2021

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