There are exciting research and fellowship opportunities available to students at every stage of the Columbia experience and beyond!

What is undergraduate research? What is a fellowship?

Research allows you to build relationships with faculty; explore areas of interest; prepare for a senior thesis; gain new knowledge in a topic of interest; and engage in exciting projects during the summer and/or academic year. Some opportunities allow you to pursue an independent, self-designed project, while others are tied to an assistantship, mentorship, or supporting the larger project of a faculty member.

Fellowships are fully-funded, short-term opportunities that offer the chance to develop your academic and professional interests beyond the classroom. They can help you study abroad, get involved in public service, fund a postgraduate degree, pursue an internship, engage in a community building initiative, or independently research a topic of interest.

Opportunities exist for every class year, so it is never too early to begin to explore your options! URF advisors are available throughout the year to assist you in determining which opportunities may help you meet your goals, while considering how to put your best foot forward within an application that you feel authentically and confidently represents you!
There are research and fellowship opportunities to consider at any stage of your CU experience! Here a few to check out!

First - Year:
- Laidlaw Research & Leadership Scholars Program
- Chien-Shiung Wu Summer Research
- Fulbright US-UK Summer Institute
- Critical Language Scholarship
- Boren Scholarship
- Gilman Scholars
- SURF/Amgen, STEM research
- De Bary Language
- Weatherhead East Asian Studies
- Deresiewicz STEM Research
- CC Summer Research
- CCE Summer Funding
- Guggenheim Internship in Criminal Justice
- Davis Projects for Peace

Sophomore Year:
- Fulbright US-UK Summer Institute
- Critical Language Scholarship
- Boren Scholarship
- Gilman Scholarship
- SURF/Amgen, STEM research
- De Bary Language
- Weatherhead East Asian Studies
- Deresiewicz STEM Research
- CC Summer Research
- CCE Summer Funding
- ThinkSwiss Research
- Goldwater STEM Scholarship
- Udall Scholarship
- Mellon Mays (MMUF)
- Guggenheim Internship in Criminal Justice
- Cultural Vistas Global Internships
- Davis Projects for Peace
- DAAD Rise Research
- Humanity in Action
- Center for the Study of Congress & the Presidency

Junior Year:
- DAAD Rise Research
- Critical Language Scholarship
- Boren Scholarship
- Gilman Scholars
- SURF/Amgen, STEM research
- De Bary Language
- Weatherhead East Asian Studies
- Deresiewicz STEM Research
- CC Summer Research
- CCE Summer Funding
- Beinecke
- Truman Scholarship
- Goldwater STEM Scholarship
- Udall Scholarship
- ThinkSwiss Research
- Guggenheim Internship in Criminal Justice
- Cultural Vistas Global Internships
- Davis Projects for Peace
- Humanity in Action
- Center for the Study of Congress & the Presidency
- PPIA International Affairs

All of these opportunities (and more!) can be found on the URF database at: urf.columbia.edu/opportunity/search

Applying to postgraduate fellowships, senior year & beyond!

There are a number of exciting postgraduate fellowship opportunities open to graduating seniors and recently graduated alumni/ae. These include, but are not limited to the Rhodes Scholarship, Marshall Scholarship, Mitchell Scholarship, Fulbright US Student Program, the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program, the Yenching Academy, the Schwarzman Scholars, and the Princeton-in programs (all these - and more! - can be viewed at: urf.columbia.edu/opportunity/search)

The support and resources that are offered by URF are available to you, both during your time on-campus as an undergraduate and after you graduate. If considering a postgraduate fellowship, we strongly encourage you to make an appointment with a URF Advisor to discuss your postgraduate goals, intellectual interests, and potential fellowships of interest during your junior year (or earlier!) to provide ample time to prepare a solid application as a senior or alum!