

## **URCD Academic Year 2019-2020**

During the 2019-2020 academic year, a budget of \$28,000 was provided for the Undergraduate Research/Creative Discovery initiative. The same six coordinators from each college remained on the committee. The coordinators were paid a stipend of \$3,500 and provided a budget of \$1,200 for materials and supplies. This group meets monthly to plan the initiative and determine strategies and activities to increase opportunities within their respective colleges. The following sections list the opportunities provided in each college so far this year.

### **URC**

An undergraduate student transfer student from TJC co-authored a refereed journal article with Dr. Tkacik this January. The URC was provided \$2,000.00 to support additional needs of the conference. Flyers and invitations were made to regional high schools for their top scholars to attend the URC. An additional \$1,200 was provided to Dr. Cecil, an officer of CUR to represent SFA.

SFA 101 Honors held a Mini-Research Forum this fall with 10 poster presentations and four students for each poster and research topic. Two faculty members led this mentored research. We have included the University Research Conference committee representatives, the Undergraduate Research Club faculty sponsor and student president, and the University Research Council Chair with the Undergraduate Research/Creative Discovery group meetings to support each other. The University Research Conference sponsors the university top scholars from each college. The URCD has provided some financial support for this group. The UR club is working on an electronic journal to be housed with Scholar Works. The URCD has goals to increase the opportunities for undergraduate to work with faculty, to complete college flyers for URCD to advertise our work, to connect URCD goals to career and professional skills, provide a common place to URCD to locate materials and conduct professional development.

### **URCD**

**The Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture (ATCOFA)** had two faculty members present to two Rotary groups this fall. Additionally, four undergraduate students presented to a Rotary group this fall.

### **College of Sciences and Mathematics**

The College of Sciences and Mathematics had students present their posters during the fall showcase. They had 15 posters in the atrium area of the STEM building.

### **College of Liberal & Applied Arts**

The College of Liberal & Applied Arts did not get their cohort group because of lack of registrants. They will plan to recruit faculty for this year.

### **Rusche College of Business**

The Rusche College of Business plans to use a similar competition as last year. Additionally they held a poster session in Twilight room of the BPSC during fall showcase.

**James I. Perkins College of Education**

The James I. Perkins College of Education will hold a Poster showcase as part of the Spring Showcase.

**Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture**

The Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture held their first College Showcase. It was patterned after the College of Sciences and Mathematics showcase. They had 28 submissions to present their posters. They received external funding for awards to the top scholars.

The College of Fine Arts plans to use their funding to bring in professional mentors for undergraduate students.