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Resources

Credit-by-Portfolio Assessment

Portfolio Assessment is a process that enables students to demonstrate college-level learning from experiences gained outside the classroom. The process of portfolio assessment requires that students demonstrate knowledge equivalent to a particular course. It is the student's responsibility to identify course(s) for which he or she would like to document identification of appropriate courses. University College provides guides for both faculty and staff.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CREDIT-BY-PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT (https://www.campuses.psu.edu/uc-academic-policies/)

Course Substitution Request System

Students should visit their advisers to review their academic plan and petition course substitutions via the Course Substitution Request System. Course descriptions and syllabi for course work completed at other institutions may be required.

LOG IN TO THE COURSE SUBSTITUTION REQUEST SYSTEM (https://csrs.psu.edu/)

Digital Learning Cooperative

The Digital Learning Cooperative (DLC) allows students to enroll in online, hybrid, and video courses offered by Penn State campuses across the University. Courses shared on the DLC may count toward students' general education program and fulfill requirements in a wide variety of majors. DLC courses available to students will be listed in the Schedule of Courses for their campus.

Pathway to Student Success: Summer Start (PaSSS)

Assists first-time students in making the transition from high school to college. Students selected for the program are eligible to receive scholarships in the first two summers after their high school graduation and are guaranteed a on-campus job to earn money.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATHWAY TO SUCCESS: SUMMER START (PASSS) PROGRAM (https://summerstart.psu.edu/)

Undergraduate Research

Penn State undergraduates who are presenting the results of their research or creative work at national or regional professional conferences may request financial support to defray the costs of attendance at the conference. If the request is approved, the costs will be equally split among the University College Dean's Office (OVPCC), the Office of Undergraduate Education, the campus, and, if applicable, the Schreyer Honors College. The contribution from each partner is capped at $400 per student. The student must be a conference presenter to be eligible for funding and the presentation must be related to the student's academic program.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (https://urfm.psu.edu/programs/undergraduate-research-conference-presentation-support/)

VIEW APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF RESEARCH/CREATIVE WORK PRESENTATION AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES (https://psu.inforeadv4.com/)

Erickson Discovery Grants

The Rodney A. Erickson Discovery Grant Program, named in honor of Penn State's seventeenth President, supports undergraduate student engagement in original research, scholarship, and creative work under the direct supervision of a faculty member. Approximately 60 Erickson Discovery Grants, each in the amount of $3,500, are available through the Office of Undergraduate Education for summer 2018. Additional grants may be funded through College and/or campus support. The Erickson Discovery Grants are directed to student-initiated projects in the arts, engineering, humanities, sciences, and social sciences that provide experience in all facets of the research, scholarship, or creative processes.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ERICKSON DISCOVERY GRANTS (https://urfm.psu.edu/programs/erickson-discovery-grant/)

Engineering Summer REU

The Summer Multi-Campus Research Experience for undergraduates (MC REU) occurs during June and July. The MC REU program supports Penn State Undergraduate engineering students to conduct research with Penn State faculty. Selected students will complete their proposal in conjunction with a Penn State faculty member from the student's home campus and a second faculty member at the University Park campus. The objectives of the MC REU are to promote undergraduate students participating in research early in their academic programs;to broaden their education and increase their chances of entering graduate studies; and to promote awareness and collaboration among faculty across the Commonwealth.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUMMER MULTI-CAMPUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES (https://inclusion.engr.psu.edu/research/multi-campus-research-experience.aspx)

Global Program Student Faculty Funding for International Activities

The University office of Global Programs provides limited funds to support student international travel related to education and research opportunities in any discipline.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GLOBAL PROGRAMS TRAVEL GRANTS (https://global.psu.edu/category/global-programs-travel-grants/)

CUR Membership

Penn State has an enhanced institutional membership for the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR). As a result of this enhanced institutional membership, any faculty member, administrator, student, or staff member from any Penn State campus or college may join the CUR at no additional cost to the individual. Membership benefits include a digital subscription to CUR Quarterly, substantial discounts on CUR materials and conferences, access to CUR's online archive of Webinar Recordings and materials, and access to the member's only portion at https://www.cur.org/, which includes information on funding opportunities, jobs, and other resources.

Eastern Undergraduate Research Symposium

Penn State's Eastern Regional Campuses' annual Regional Undergraduate Research Symposium communicates and celebrates the participation of undergraduate students from the eastern regional Penn State campuses in their scholarly research endeavors. Undergraduate students who have been selected to represent their local campus will

present posters or other exhibits to showcase their work to a general audience. The Symposium is open to the public.

Invent Penn State

Innovation Hubs Across the Commonwealth: LaunchBox's

The Invent Penn State seed grant program provided campuses with grants of $50,000 to launch or enhance innovation hubs. The impact of these grants is far reaching, with 21 Commonwealth communities now having Invent Penn State-affiliated spaces and programs—free to the community—that will drive innovation and economic growth. The 21 are listed at: https://invent.psu.edu/programs/pa-innovation-hubs/.

The Intercollege Minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation (ENTI)

Because entrepreneurs and innovators exist in all industries and in all types of companies, the ENTI minor appeals to students regardless of their academic discipline. ENTI teaches students foundational skills they will need to succeed in the professional world, including innovative thinking, opportunity recognition, developing budget models, leadership, and project management.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INTERCOLLEGE MINOR IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION (https://cpsse.psu.edu/enti/)

Venture and IP Conference

A two-day showcase for Penn state student and faculty start-up companies and innovative technologies.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VENTURE AND IP CONFERENCE (https://pennstatevip.com/)

Resource, IP, and Start-up Navigators

Search portals for everything happening in the entrepreneurship ecosystem.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INVENT PENN STATE (https://invent.psu.edu/)