



FACT SHEET

Texas Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol
April 11, 2023

- Purpose: To showcase the experiences of undergraduate students engaged in research for Texas legislators and the public through high-quality poster presentations. The program will highlight how research conducted by undergraduate students positively impacts Texas -- and Texans -- with the theme: Transforming Texas Through Undergraduate Research
- 55 research projects will be displayed in poster format reflecting the work of over 110 undergraduate students representing 46 college, university and health science center undergraduate programs across Texas (both public and private/independent institutions)
- The event is coordinated by the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors (CPUPC) and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc. (ICUT)
- Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol is conducted with the support of the Texas Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education and the Texas House Higher Education Committee
- Student participants, campus liaisons and faculty advisors will have the opportunity to tour the Capitol, observe committee hearings and attend the daily meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives. Student participants are encouraged to work with their institution in scheduling meetings with their respective legislators
- Additionally, a panel of accomplished faculty researchers will share their research experiences, insight regarding graduate school and perspectives on accomplishing goals beyond their undergraduate education. Welcoming remarks will be provided by Commissioner Harrison Keller and a senior university leader will offer insight on how the legislature, institutions of higher education, business communities and the federal government work together to advance research and the state's economy through research-related initiatives such as the Texas CHIPS Act
- Representatives of the Texas Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals will be present to encourage these outstanding students to enroll in a Texas Graduate School
- Each biennium we take this opportunity to showcase undergraduate research at the Texas Capitol. The first event was conducted during the 82nd Texas Legislative Session (2011)
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- With appreciation to Texas State University for providing registration support services and to Texas Christian University for providing souvenir t-shirts for the student participants.