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The Hamilton Undergraduate Research Scholars Program enables Dedman College's most promising students to collaborate with top faculty researchers and contribute to the creation of knowledge in significant and meaningful ways. Each faculty/student team submits a competitive proposal. Hamilton Undergraduate Research Scholar Awards are awarded for by semester, academic year, and summer. Awards are up to \$3000/semester.

Robert Mayer Undergraduate Research Fellowships through the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute allow students to conduct research integrating two or more fields. Mayer Interdisciplinary Fellows will have access to \$2000 to use for research travel or for other expenses related to the development and completion of their research project.

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The Richter International Fellowship Program is funded by the Paul K. and Evelyn E. Cook Richter Memorial Funds and is awarded to members of the University Honors Program to conduct independent research, usually outside the United States. The project can cover any area of study but should be international or multicultural in nature. SMU is one of only 12 schools offering Richter Fellowships. Richter Fellows receive funding for one to three months of research over winter or summer break, generally abroad. Upon returning, Fellows write and submit a scholarly article based on their research with intent to seek publication.

The McNair Scholars Program is a federally funded TRIO program that serves a diverse group of undergraduate students at 151 universities across the nation. The program was designed to prepare students typically underrepresented in graduate education for doctoral attainment through involvement in intensive undergraduate research. McNair Scholars complete a funded summer research opportunity, where they work closely alongside a faculty mentor. Additionally, the program provides academic and career advising, faculty mentoring, and assistance with graduate school applications.

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The Office of Engaged Learning offers significant co-curricular programs for both undergraduate research and entrepreneurship. In addition to the funding programs below, the office hosts opportunities for students to present research (Fall Research Symposium, Research Days Undergraduate Poster Session, and the Journal of Undergraduate Research). The office also hosts workshops for students to develop skills as researchers and entrepreneurs.

Through the **Big iDeas** Pitch Contest and Business Plan Competition, students can win seed money for starting a business, building a foundation, designing a product, or providing a service. Big iDeas winners benefit from the E-Launch professional development program and mentoring from entrepreneurs-in-residence.

The **Engaged Learning Fellowship (ELF)** allows undergraduate students to engage in capstone-level scholarly research, creative projects, professional internships, or community service projects. SMU funds ELFs up to \$2500 per project and records their project titles on student transcripts and in commencement booklets.

The **Undergraduate Research Assistantship (URA)** program provides research opportunities for students in all disciplines. Students work side by side with faculty mentors, for whom the Office of Engaged Learning provides matching funds. Our research programs have supported thousands of students across the university, from first year to senior year. Student researchers have achieved numerous milestones such as conference presentations, co-authoring papers, and journal publications.

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