



Announcing: Second Annual Undergraduate Research Showcase at the Capitol

The Network for Undergraduate Research in Virginia (NURVa) announces Virginia's second **Undergraduate Research Showcase at the Capitol**. NURVa is a consortium of Virginia colleges and universities dedicated to supporting undergraduate research and creative activity throughout the Commonwealth.

This event will take place in Richmond, Virginia, at the General Assembly Building on Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 3-5pm.

Each institution is invited to submit up to five poster proposals. Final decisions will be made by a NURVa vetting committee; two posters will be accepted from schools with undergraduate enrollment of fewer than 15k; three posters will be accepted from schools with more than 15k undergraduates.

Participants must be *undergraduate* students at four- or two-year school in the Commonwealth during the 2025-26 academic year (December 2025 graduates are not eligible). The research projects submitted should represent a significant investment of time by the student *outside of normal course requirements* and class projects. The research project **must be** of sufficient quality to be presented at a professional academic meeting.

Final selections will be made based on the following criteria: 1) sophistication of the work and its representation of undergraduate research or creative activity beyond normal course work; 2) language used is pitched to a general audience; and 3) disciplinary balance (we especially encourage interdisciplinary work).

Process

Institutions should set up their own submission and review process. An institutional representative will then make the final submission to NURVa. Institutions are invited to submit up to five poster proposals to NURVa by 11:59pm on Monday, December 1, at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/NURVaPosters26>. **NURVa will not accept submissions directly from students for this event—all submissions must come from an institutional representative.** Decisions will be announced no later than December 15 with the event to take place on January 29, 2026, from 3-5pm. There is no cost for this event, but travel to Richmond must be arranged and paid for by the student's home institution.

Abstracts and Impact Statement

Complete submissions will include student and faculty sponsor names, institutional affiliation, department/field of study, clear title, abstract (of no more than 250 words) and an impact statement.

References are NOT included in an abstract. Abstracts should be written for a general audience and be complete, concise, clear, and cohesive. The Impact Statement is **a 150-200 word statement describing** the project and its broader impact to a legislator to include the significance of the work and the progress made toward completion (to-date).

Why is this important?

Providing undergraduates with the opportunity to engage in scholarly, research, and creative work is important to our students' educational experience and professional development. We encourage faculty to have their students submit to their campus committees to help those in Virginia who fund higher education understand why these experiences are so important.

If you are an undergraduate student, we want you to tell your story to your hometown and university legislators so that other Virginia students can enjoy and benefit from the kind of experience you have had!

Posters in Richmond is administered by the Network for Undergraduate Research in Virginia. Any questions regarding submission or the event should be directed to the current Board Chair, Dr. David A. Salomon at david.salomon@cnu.edu.