

## **FAQs ABOUT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

### **WHAT IS RESEARCH?**

It has been said that the “lecture” hall is all about answering questions. Conversely research (creative scholarship) is all about ASKING questions. If you are interested in the who? what? where? when? how? then it is very likely that you will enjoy conducting research.

### **WHAT CAN I EXPECT OF A RESEARCH EXPERIENCE?**

It depends on your level of experience, your academic discipline and the faculty mentor. Some students do a lot of work in the library while others work in the laboratory, at a computer or even out in the field. Still other students work in the art studio or on perfecting a musical performance.

### **WHAT EXPERIENCE DO I NEED TO DO RESEARCH WITH A UNCG FACULTY MEMBER?**

It depends. Most faculty members are willing to take any enthused, hard working and dedicated student. Others expect that you have completed certain courses or surpassed a certain GPA. Click on this link to see faculty profiles at UNCG.

### **CAN I GET PAID TO DO RESEARCH?**

It depends. Some faculty members have grants in which they can pay you from. You can work with a faculty member to apply for a UNCG URA. Even if you don't get paid you might be able to earn academic credit for your work by enrolling in an independent study.

### **WILL RESEARCH HELP ME GET INTO GRADUATE SCHOOL?**

The bar for getting into graduate school has been raised. Stellar GPAs and GRE scores are important, but today the importance of a student's own undergraduate research project is a significant contributing factor to acceptance into, and success in, graduate school.

### **WILL RESEARCH HELP ME GET A JOB?**

Probably. There are many skills you are likely to improve as you work on a research project: thinking independently, writing, working with others, synthesizing information, creating new knowledge and organizational skills. All of these are valued by employers. Employers look for students who took advantage of a variety of learning opportunities and who demonstrated they were successful at them.

### **OTHER QUESTIONS?**

If you have other questions about research, feel free to contact the OUR. We are located in 1601 HHRA Building, call us at 336-334-4776 or send an email to [reseinit@uncg.edu](mailto:reseinit@uncg.edu).