The **CUSE team** is here:

A dynamic undergraduate experience means going beyond the classroom and taking advantage of numerous opportunities to develop and flourish as young scholars. There are many paths you might take. Being intellectually engaged, doing a research project, and applying for fellowships are essential for post-baccalaureate success, including graduate school, prestigious fellowship awards, employment and other pursuits.

The Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement provides guidance and support throughout this journey.

**Explore. Examine. Excel.**

Let us help you get started!

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Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement
FIRST YEAR

Discern academic interests.
Get to know your professors.

- Meet with CUSE staff to explore resources and services
- Attend FYS Research Ignition event
- Attend Spotlight Programs and “Meet Your Major” nights in spring semester
- Attend various campus symposia (College of Science Fall Undergraduate Research Fair, Human Development Conference, Peace Studies Conference, Anthropology Poster Session, Undergraduate Scholars Conference, COS-JAM)
- Explore options and apply for summer scholarly activities: SSLP/ISSLP, Experiencing the World, undergraduate research

FUN FACT:
Nearly 300 undergrad researchers participate in the annual university-wide Undergraduate Scholars Conference.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Get your feet wet.
Undertake preliminary research.

- Brainstorm ideas for research, scholarship, and creative endeavors
- Identify faculty research mentors
- Apply for grants to undertake research during breaks (Novovic Institute, UROP, CUSE, College of Science, etc.)
- Consider research opportunities as part of study abroad decision
- Take methods courses
- Talk to professors about joining research lab or team
- Apply for national fellowships open to underclassmen (e.g., NSEP Boren, Udall, Goldwater)

FUN FACT:
29 Academic Commissioners in 29 dorms connect residence halls, student government, and CUSE to enhance intellectual life beyond the classroom.

SENIOR YEAR

Delve into research.
Look beyond graduation.

- Enroll in senior thesis or work on capstone project
- Visit the Career Center for advice about post-graduate employment and service
- Take GRE/MCAT/GMAT
- Attend the Graduate School Forum in the fall and apply for graduate/professional school
- Apply for national fellowships for post-graduate study/research (e.g., Fulbright, Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Gates, Churchill, NSF, Lilly)

FUN FACT:
14 ND graduates have been Rhodes Scholars, and we have been named a “Top Producer” of Fulbrights

JUNIOR YEAR

Lay the groundwork for senior thesis and post-graduate opportunities.

- Apply for grants and undertake research, scholarship, or creative project on campus or during study abroad
- Intern in your discipline
- Take methods courses
- Collaborate with faculty research advisor
- Present at campus, other university, regional, national, or international conferences
- Explore graduate school and other post-grad opportunities
- Apply for national fellowships open to underclassmen (e.g., NSEP Boren, Goldwater, Truman, Bannecke, Udall)

FUN FACT:
ND students have pursued research projects around the world in places from A-Z.

Make the most of your Notre Dame education—

✅ It’s your move!