Undergraduate Research during COVID-19 – Fall 2020

1) In-person undergraduate research at TAMUG:
- You can do in-person hands-on research as long as you take the necessary safety precautions as mandated by TAMU.
  - You have to take 2 required COVID-19 safety training courses (online via Howdy).
    - You cannot start your research before completing these training courses.
  - You may need other lab safety training courses as required by your department.
  - Please talk to your faculty advisor about social distancing measures and face mask use in their specific laboratory.
- If doing in-person research, you need to sign up for research credit hours (491).
  - You can sign up for 0 or variable credits (please talk to your faculty or undergraduate advisor).
  - A link to the form is found here: https://tamug.edu/undergraduate-research/
  - You can also get the 491 form from your undergraduate advisor.
- You do not need to be an experienced undergraduate researcher to do in-person research.
- If you are an engineering student, you are now allowed to do in-person research.
- You can participate in the undergraduate research scholars (URS) thesis program (offered by LAUNCH).
  - https://launch.tamu.edu/Undergraduate-Research/URS
- You can apply for the undergraduate research scholarship offered by TAMUG (ACES).
- You may be able to do off-campus in-person internships (ask about 484 options).

2) Doing undergraduate research remotely:
- Work with novel data-sets that have not previously been published
  - Contact your faculty advisor – they may have data-sets available that need to be analyzed and interpreted (which can be done remotely).
- Conduct an extensive literature review in your field of study (applicable to all majors)
  - Summarize existing knowledge from published articles while identifying knowledge gaps.
- If you do research remotely, you still have to take the 2 required COVID-19 training courses (you do not need to take lab safety training).
- If doing research remotely, you still need to sign up for research credit hours (491).
  - You can sign up for 0 or variable credits (please talk to your faculty or undergraduate advisor).
- You can participate remotely in the undergraduate research scholars (URS) thesis program (offered by LAUNCH) by using the options listed above. Get more information here:
  - https://launch.tamu.edu/Undergraduate-Research/URS
- You can apply for the undergraduate research scholarship offered by TAMUG (ACES) – even if you do research remotely.

Contact the Chair of Undergraduate Research to learn more: email: undergraduateresearch@tamug.edu