This past fall, the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House (HSF) started an HSF Student Advisory Board, comprised of representatives from student groups and programs in the HSF house. The Student Advisory Board will be creating a semester newsletter for distribution. This edition will recap our fall 2019 programming and let you know what to look forward to this spring!

**Student Advisory Board Members:**

**FALL 2019 Recap:**

**Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement (CRE)**

**Campus-Wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA)**
Florida State University will be honored with a prestigious national award in recognition of its exemplary programs that provide high-quality research experiences for undergraduates.

The [Council on Undergraduate Research](https://www.councilonundergraduateresearch.org) will present the 2019 Campus-wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA)
at the CUR Executive Board reception at the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges & Universities in January in Washington, D.C.

A national leader in undergraduate research, Florida State provides a research-supportive environment, which has resulted in strong growth in undergraduate research participation. The university intentionally embeds research throughout college learning, regardless of major, including oft-overlooked disciplines like business, creative arts and humanities.

"We're extremely proud of the many ways our undergraduates are connecting and contributing to the research mission of Florida State University. Their important work wouldn't be possible without our dedicated faculty mentors and Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement staff."  
–Karen Laughlin, Dean of Undergraduate Studies

The 2019 President’s Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence is the culmination of the IDEA Grant, Tech Fellows, and iGEM summer awards. At the President’s Showcase, award winners share their research and creative projects through poster and oral presentations. We are so incredibly proud of all the hard work that these students have put into their research projects!

Global Scholars Showcase: Sponsored by the Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement (CRE), the Global Scholars Showcase is the culmination of the Global Scholars summer internship experience. At the Showcase you will hear the stories of travel, community, family, and adventure that our Global Scholars experienced over the summer. Explore the Global South through their poster presentations and see how they link the Tallahassee community to issues across the world. The 2019 Global Scholars Showcase was held on Friday, December 6th, 2019 from 3:00 — 5:00 pm in the Nancy H. Marcus Great Hall.

Honors Experience Program (HEP)

Honors Experience Program hosted their first annual HEP Symposium, where students presented individual projects completed in their HEP classes. HEP also had numerous guest speakers, including Dr. Robin Watkins, a forensic psychologist. HEP also welcomed a new faculty member, Dr. Arianne Johnson Quinn, whose research focuses on the intersection of British and American music in London’s West End.
**DIRECTO** *(Diversity & Inclusion in Research & Teaching Organization)*

DIRECTO hosted 2 signature events this fall on FSU’s campus! The annual Fall Symposium on Diversity and Inclusion in Research and Teaching featured keynote speakers and community-wide participation throughout several collaborative workshops in the Turnbull Conference Center. The annual D&I in Research and Teaching Book Club continued the conversations from the symposium into small, comfortable group discussions facilitated by some of FSU’s leading advocates in issues of D&I, equity, and accessibility. With the support of the 2018-19 President's Diversity and Inclusion Mini-Grant and other on campus partners, the DIRECTO team has continued to foster an open dialogue and advance the quest for equitable practices in D&I throughout the higher education system in Tallahassee.

**Office of National Fellowships (ONF)**

In the fall, ONF was busy helping students prepare for fellowship applications. The Office of National Fellowships conducted interviews for various fellowships such as the Truman Scholarship which funds graduate study for students who are looking to serve as public service leaders.

**Honors Student Association (HSA)**

During the Fall 2019 semester, the Honors Student Association (HSA) hosted a variety of events designed to foster a sense of scholarship, service, and community among FSU Honors students. Events such as yoga on Landis, career building workshops, IM sports, monthly breakfasts, and community service experiences provided students an opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the Honors community. The Honors student population also elected the 2020 HSA Executive Board this past fall! In early 2019, HSA began to implement general body meetings where students can connect with distinguished guest speakers, learn about upcoming events, and socialize with fellow Honors students. HSA looks forward to continuing these meetings while hosting an extensive calendar of other events this spring to benefit the personal, academic, and professional growth of our Honors student body.
Office of Graduate Fellowships & Awards (OGFA)

The 2019–2020 academic year is well underway and graduate students have hit the ground running with identifying and applying for fellowships and awards to support their research and creative works. Over the past two years, graduate students have received over $7 million in federal, state, and private funds for graduate fellowships. Click here to schedule a meeting with OGFA.

Since 2017, the FSU Grad Impact: Digital Narratives Project has been working behind the scenes to amplify the voice of the graduate student experience at FSU. Click here https://ogfa.fsu.edu/gradimpact to check out some of the amazing video, podcast, and written narratives done by the Digital Narratives intern team highlighting the work and research in action of FSU graduate students. Kudos to videography intern, Kiswood Diogene, who captured the fall Honors, Scholars, and Fellows Open House. To share your “day in the life of a graduate student” experience or nominate one of your fellow NOLE graduate colleagues to participate in the #FSUGradImpact project, submit information here.

Spring 2020 What to Expect:

SCURC

SCURC will be hosting an Honors in the Major roundtable event A panel of FSU staff, students, and faculty will discuss recommendations for getting the most out of Honors in the Major. Topics include HITM funding, publication, fellowship opportunities, and best practices. This event is open to all students, whether you are already in HITM or just curious! Lunch will be provided to all who attend. RSVP at http://bit.ly/HITMRL

Other exciting events to look out for are SCURC Pride- a joint event by SCURC and the Pride student union and our general interest meeting for applications for next years E-Board!

For more info please visit our website: http://sga.fsu.edu/scurc.shtml
DIRECTO (Diversity & Inclusion in Research & Teaching Organization)

DIRECTO's 2nd Annual Spring Conversation Series on Diversity & Inclusion in Research & Teaching at FSU will be held on three different dates during Spring 2020, each date including 2 sessions and a complimentary lunch. Group discussions will focus on how to support students, how to promote open communication in the face of verbal/physical barriers, and how to put these ideas into practice. Both undergraduate and graduate students, staff, faculty, post-doc students, and other FSU community members are invited to register for the events and spread the word!

Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement (CRE)

IDEA Grants
Is there a creative endeavor you want to undertake, or an original research project you would like to conduct? Do you want to develop or evaluate a product idea, entrepreneurial venture, or a service initiative? IDEA grants fund research, creative projects, and the development or evaluation of new or existing ideas. This is your chance to flex your creative muscles, innovate, and explore. FSU undergraduate students in all majors can apply for an FSU IDEA Grant (formerly URCAA, MRCE, PRSF). Selected applicants will receive either a summer stipend of $4,000 or $1,000 (or up to $6,000 for groups) to fund their self-designed work on a topic, project, problem, artistic product or performance, or other entrepreneurial or creative idea. Projects must last 8-12 weeks and be under the mentorship of a supervising faculty member. The project does not need to be tied to a student's major or minor, but it should be guided by a student's academic goals and future plans. Funds may be used for living expenses, materials, lost income from not working during summer, and/or travel. Projects must be culminated in oral, poster, or creative presentation at the annual President’s Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence.
IDEA Grants are due February 1, 2020. Visit https://cre.fsu.edu/undergradresearch/ideagrants or contact Dave Montez (dmontez@fsu.edu) for more information.

**Undergraduate Research Posters at the Capitol:**
**February 9-10, 2020.**
The inaugural Undergraduate Research Posters at the Capitol will be held at the Florida State Capitol Complex in downtown Tallahassee. At this event, up to four undergraduate researchers from each university and college across the state will present their research in a poster format; they will also have the opportunity to interact with legislative members from their representative districts. Our main mission in hosting this event is to encourage the visibility and viability of undergraduate research, while also providing high-achieving students a space to engage directly in the political process.

**Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC): February 21–February 22, 2020.**
The Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC) is one of the nation's largest multi-disciplinary research conferences. It is an annual event open to all undergraduate researchers in the state of Florida to present their research in a poster forum. Every year, the conference is hosted at a different college or university in the state. The conference boasts some of the best networking opportunities with fellow researchers and graduate programs across the country, as well as workshops and other professional development experiences. This year it will be held at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU).

**Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Meeting of the Minds: March 20-22, 2020.**
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is honored to host the 15th annual ACC Meeting of the Minds! This year's ACC Meeting of the Minds will take place from March 20-22, 2020. The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Meeting of the Minds conference is held each spring (usually March or April) and is hosted by one of the 15 ACC member schools. It is funded in-part by revenue from athletic events. The conference celebrates undergraduate research and provides an opportunity for sharing of ideas and collaboration. Every spring, outstanding undergraduate researchers and a faculty mentor from all ACC universities are invited to present their original research. You can learn more by following: https://accmom2020.web.unc.edu/

**UROP Application Deadline:** May 1, 2020 for high school seniors and first year students at FSU. July 1, 2020 for transfer students.
The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) is a way for high-achieving first- and second-year students to get involved in undergraduate research. UROP has three requisite parts: the Colloquium, where students learn the mechanics of conducting undergraduate research; the Assistantship, where students work on a supervising professor's research project; and the Symposium, where students present the work they conducted during the academic year. The mission of (UROP) is to enrich the undergraduate
academic experience by providing FSU’s first-and second-year students the opportunity to partner with our excellent faculty as research assistants. Deadline for high school seniors and first year students is May 1, 2020; deadline for transfer students in July 1, 2020. Apply at https://cre3-fsu.us.fluidreview.com/.

**Undergraduate Research Symposium: April 9, 2020.**
The Undergraduate Research Symposium showcases the research conducted by FSU’s undergraduate researchers. Applications to present at the Undergraduate Research Symposium are due February 17, 2020 and can be found here: https://cre3-fsu.us.fluidreview.com/.

**Honors Experience Program (HEP)**

Looking forward, HEP has many events planned, including a reading and Q&A session with E. Patrick Johnson.

HEP has been in the process of revamping their student leadership groups. These groups are meant to align with HEP’s overarching theme of (in)equality and justice by focusing on topics such as LGBTQ issues, U.S. criminal justice reform, human rights, religious diversity, activism within the arts, and utopian thinking.

HEP is also continuing to bolster its summer study abroad opportunities, which include a session in London, UK and a seminar on international human rights at Oxford University.

**Office of National Fellowships (ONF)**

This spring ONF, has many important fellowship deadlines coming up for awards such as the Gilman, Goldwater, and Fulbright. ONF also hosts many informational sessions on summer fellowships so any student who is interested can find out more and apply.

ONF will also be hosting the Presidential Scholarship Interview Weekend early in April to select the next class of scholars.

Visit https://onf.fsu.edu for more information!
Office of Graduate Fellowships & Awards (OGFA)

OGFA is looking forward to an exciting Spring 2020 semester of student engagement in the world of fellowships! We are also excited about the rollout of a new award database that will encourage peer to peer connections between award recipients and prospective applicants. Check out our Spring 2020 Workshop Series here https://ogfa.fsu.edu/workshops. All students (graduate and undergraduate), faculty and staff are welcome to attend.