One of the significant bonuses of studying at a research university is the opportunity to work one-on-one with internationally renowned faculty and advanced doctoral students on a real research project—where the answers are not known in advance. This journal contains abstracts of papers written by U of U undergraduates describing the exciting results they have obtained in such research projects. We are very pleased with the important contributions that our undergraduates make to our overall research mission and we hope that this experience has shown them how exciting it can be to study the unknown.

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Research by undergraduates is at the heart of what makes a research university a special place to get an education. Involvement in research greatly enriches the educational experience and is often key in helping students make crucial career decisions. Equally important is the value that bright young minds bring to research projects. Fresh ideas—new outlooks drive our research.

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