President Young's Message

This makes a research-extensive university unique is a faculty that works on the cutting edge of its many different fields. At the University of Utah we take advantage of this resource by connecting our bright and talented undergraduates with top faculty researchers from more than 80 disciplines across campus.

When a student can work one-on-one with a faculty mentor on research or a creative project, a kind of education takes place that complements what happens in the classroom and moves beyond it to engage the learning process in direct and personal ways. The results of this research enhance both the University and the community.

The abstracts presented here represent the work of some of our most promising students, work that ranges from groundbreaking research on the frontiers of science to studies of teaching and learning practices in local public schools, to health issues of the Lost Boys of Sudan. The quality is evident in the words of the students themselves, as each abstract describes the research, scholarship, or creative project undertaken, the goals set forth, and the way in which those goals were achieved.

Whether through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Bioscience Undergraduate Research Program, Honors Program, or individual research in a faculty lab, these students have become partners in creating the kind of extraordinary, individualized education that will mark the very best universities of the twenty-first century.

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