

Undergraduate Research Post-Fellowship Assessment

The end of the fellowship marks a time to document, reflect upon, and evaluate your fellowship experience. The process will involve several steps that are described below:

1. Evaluation often involves what is known as “benchmarking.” This process involves collecting the same descriptive information year after year from participants in order to document program growth and compare it to program goals. In order for me to benchmark this year of the Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program, please provide the following information:
 - a. titles and number of local, regional and national presentations
 - b. titles and number of publications (specify journal/publication title) that have been submitted for publication (specify status, i.e., in review, in revision, accepted)
 - c. awards or honors earned while a Undergraduate Research Fellow
 - d. job offers/acceptance, graduate school offers/acceptance, plans for the immediate future
2. Please provide a 1- to 2-page summary of your fellowship experience. The goal of this activity is three-fold: (a) to encourage you to actively reflect on the fellowship experience, (2) to use these summaries to document the impact of the program to prospective funding sources for the fellowship program, (3) to provide future fellows with a view of the fellowship experience.

The most important aspect of the summary is that it reflect YOUR experience. Here are some questions you can think about before you write your summary:

 - a. How has the opportunity impacted you personally (e.g., self-confidence, leadership, organizational skills) and professionally (specific research skills, clarification of future goals)?
 - b. What have you learned about the research process?
 - c. Were there any specific experiences that were particularly valuable to you and what made them valuable (e.g., conference experiences, interactions with mentors or peers, etc.)?
 - d. Are there professional or personal achievements that you are particularly proud of?
 - e. Is there something you would like a potential donor to know about the value of this program?
 - f. Is there something you would like future fellows to know about the program?
4. Please email the post-fellowship assessment document with a copy of your most recent resume/vitae to undgres@auburn.edu.