Undergraduate Research Programs at the University of Rochester

A selection of programs with comments by recent participants.

For complete program listings please visit our website at jur.rochester.edu.
Lidza Kalifa
“The mitochondrial genome maintenance protein Mgm101p”
Advisor: Elaine Sia

Aaron Merriam
“Purification and Characterization of Bovine Immunodeficiency Virus Reverse Transcriptase”
Advisor: Baek Kim

Woo-Sin Park
“RNA interference against the C. elegans male sensory neuron genes, cwp-4 and cwp-5”
Advisor: Doug Portman

Pranav Shah
“In vitro CD4+ primed precursor-like (Thpp-like) Balb/c lymphocytes produce IL-2 but not IL-4 or IFNg, and have increased expression of CD73”
Advisor: Tim Mosmann

The HOUR Program
The HOUR Program (History Opportunities for Undergraduate Research) offers students a chance to collaborate with History Department faculty members on their scholarly work. The program enables participants to implement skills and knowledge acquired in history courses, while providing a close look at what professional historians do. Students may undertake HOUR projects for independent study credit or for pay. For more information and an application, see the History Department website, or contact Prof. Joan Shelley Rubin at joru@mail.rochester.edu.

Caitlin Meives:
“Working with Professor Wolcott through the HOUR program has been a useful learning experience. As a history major who plans on pursuing history at the graduate level and as a career, I’ve gained valuable experience that will come in handy in future research projects and papers. In particular, I’m more aware of the myriad of research resources available through the library and I’ve become familiar with an important tool in historical research – microfilm. Also, perusing old newspapers has been fascinating.”

Byron Raco:
“The best aspect of the program is the connection between the primary source research that I have been doing and the class taught by Prof. Jarvis in the same topic area. Prof. Jarvis has always found time to sit down and talk with me whenever I have had a question. I would certainly say that I have had a fun time working with the HOUR program. When I signed up, my main goal was receiving experience in a more hands-on, practical approach to studying history and this is exactly what I have gotten. For anyone interested in enriching their college experience I would urge them to try it out.”

Jason Gogniat:
“Working in the HOUR program with Prof. Rubin has given me the opportunity to make some extra money doing something enjoyable. Going through microfiche has been a lot more amusing than I thought. There have been many times I have burst out chuckling or smiling while reading about people’s past ideas, thoughts, or worries. This is also my first white-collar-type job and my first working experience where I feel like my contribution in working actually mattered. I have also gained some sense of what history research entails and how historians conduct their research.”

2003-04 HOUR Scholars
Michael Adelman
“The Tucker Letters”
Advisor: Michael Jarvis

Daniel Apfel
“Poetry in Practice: Immigrant Experiences”
Advisor: Joan Shelley Rubin

Corinne Carpenter
“Poetry in Practice: Autobiographies”
Advisor: Joan Shelley Rubin

Emily Feldman
“Integrated Amusements”
Advisor: Victoria Wolcott

Jason Gogniat
“Poetry in Practice: Women’s Clubs”
Advisor: Joan Shelley Rubin

Rebecca Kowaloff
“Bermuda: The First Generation”
Advisor: Michael Jarvis

Caitlin Meives
“Integrated Amusements”
Advisor: Victoria Wolcott

Jesse Melman
“The Holy Warrior”
Advisor: Richard Kaeuper

Joy Newman
“The Concept of Stress”
Advisor: Theodore Brown

Katrina Nowak
“The Holy Warrior”
Advisor: Richard Kaeuper

Byron Raco
“Bermuda Sailors”
Advisor: Michael Jarvis

Rebecca Roberts
“Crime and Punishment”
Advisor: Michael Jarvis

Peter Schirtzinger
“The Holy Warrior”
Advisor: Richard Kaeuper

Jessica Stoll
“The Holy Warrior”
Advisor: Richard Kaeuper

Matthew Strabone
“The Holy Warrior”
Advisor: Richard Kaeuper

Benjamin Tejblum
“The Holy Warrior”
Advisor: Richard Kaeuper

Matthew Vnuk
“The Concept of Stress”
Advisor: Theodore Brown

Daniel Wolf
“Bermuda: The First Generation”
Advisor: Michael Jarvis