Undergraduate Creative Activities & Research Experiences

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Research at UNL

- Research is a main focus of the university
- Faculty want to work with undergraduates—a desire to share their research interests
- Students can gain invaluable knowledge & experience
What research does for you...

- Complement your classroom learning
- Expose you to the research lives of faculty
- Give you the “language” of your discipline
- Allow you to work one-on-one with faculty
- Help clarify your career goals
- Make you more competitive for graduate or professional school
- Help fulfill graduation requirements
UCARE Program
http://www.unl.edu/ucare

- Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experiences
- Creates intellectual partnerships between UNL faculty and undergraduates by providing funds for research
- To incorporate a research or creative experience into undergraduate education
Who is eligible?

- Students and faculty find each other
  - Must be a full-time faculty member
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 30 completed credit hours
  - sophomore standing
- Social Security Number
UCARE Program Design

- First year: work one-on-one with faculty on his/her research project ($2000)

- Second year: work on their own research project or a continuation of the first year project, with first year faculty sponsor ($2400)
UCARE Expectations

- Students will turn in timesheets in a timely manner
- Evaluations & questionnaires
- Re-apply for 2nd year funding
- Opportunity to share your work
  - Undergraduate Research Conference
If you are interested in becoming involved in UCARE:

- Application Deadline for 2010-11 is **FEBRUARY 12th**
- Check the UCARE website for projects funded – network within your department
- Talk to your undergraduate advisor
- Email the chair of your department
Application Suggestions

- Rise in applications each year
  - GPA sensitivity
  - Faculty endorsement
  - Students: Faculty sponsor
Questions?

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