



# Undergraduate Research Program

## Empowering Discovery

Employers seek students who have learned by doing, ask bold questions, and generate new innovations. Undergraduate research isn't just for future PhD students; it's a powerful learning experience that deepens critical thinking, inspires creativity, and connects classroom learning to real-world challenges.

## Experience is the Differentiator

Many undergraduate students often lack the resources, mentorship, and time to engage in research without financial support. As many research opportunities are only for graduate students, this SCI initiative opens the door for undergraduate exploration, and is essential to prepare students for a rapidly changing digital world.

## Turning Students into Knowledge Creators

By providing paid opportunities, mentorship, and resources, we make research accessible to all students. Students work alongside faculty on real-world challenges, from climate change to social justice to digital innovation.

## Funding Needs

To expand access and increase our impact, SCI is seeking:

- **\$3,500** to fund one paid student summer internship. There are multiple internships available.
- **\$11,000** to support graduate student mentors and program lead (for 10-15 students)

*Your support ensures that every student can explore, create, and contribute to research in the computing and information fields.*

## Student Voices

"I gained large amounts of insights on how to start research, write IRB, recruit participants, conduct research and so much more.

I also had the honor to attend a meeting at Stanford University with my lab members, where I had the chance to talk to other outstanding researchers from both industry and academia. The experience was invaluable to me now and for my future."

**Bowen Ye (SCI '26)**



## Let's Make This Possible.

With your support, we can build a future where every student can discover their voice in research.

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