

Policy on Undergraduate Research for Fall 2020:

All undergraduate research, including research conducted as part of a course or for credit, non-credit research, and work study or other paid or volunteer research positions, must be conducted remotely until further notice except under the following circumstances.

Undergraduate students who are involved in for-credit research experiences as part of an independent study or research as part of a scholars program may be allowed in research labs and other in-person research spaces on a limited basis if and only if:

- The research is required for graduation or as a programmatic requirement
- The research cannot be conducted remotely
- The research is conducted in accordance with the University's Research Resumption Plan

All such exceptions require the approval of the undergraduate student's Department or Program and their Undergraduate School.

Process

1. Undergraduate students enrolled in Independent Study should discuss their plans with their major Department/Program. Departments and Programs will serve as the initial point of contact for undergraduates and projects and also will assist in connecting students with projects as needed.
2. Permission for undergraduates to engage in in-person research will be granted on a case by case basis after review by the Department/Program and the Undergraduate School. The following conditions must be met for approval:
 - a. The Independent Study must be required to fulfill the curricular requirements for graduation or programmatic requirements, and the requirements cannot be satisfied in any other way.
 - b. The research cannot be conducted remotely and must be conducted in-person.
 - c. The research is allowed under the current phase of the Research Resumption.
3. Any approved in-person research is subject to the requirements outlined in the advisor's and the student's school Research Resumption Plan.
4. The Undergraduate Deans will review all requests and provide approval.