



## Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Doubles in Size

**Boca Raton, Fla.** (May 18, 2016) — The second FAU Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program kicked off on Monday. The Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry-managed program has more than doubled in size since its inaugural year, growing from 10 to 21 student-faculty teams. Each project is awarded \$4,000, with students receiving most of the funds and the balance supporting faculty mentors and project supplies.

Representing six colleges and the Boca, Jupiter, and Davie campuses, several SURF fellows secured partnerships with the Scripps Florida Institute and other community partners. Participating students will conduct 25 hours of intensive research for each of the 10 weeks, attend professional development workshops and chronicle their progress through a series of three posts to the [OURI facebook page](#). Fellows will participate in online research ethics training and other research/safety compliance training, as needed. A dozen FAU research librarians have chosen student projects to support as personal research librarians.

Following an introductory SURF meeting on May 10, SURF fellows participated in a professional development workshop entitled “Things I Wish I Knew as an Undergraduate Researcher.” Chemistry doctoral student and recipient of the NSF Doctoral Fellowship Edith Nagy and SURF alumni Ashley Ostroot and Shay Sears led the workshop. Ostroot is currently a sociology masters student at FAU, while Sears is a research assistant at OURI while applying to medical school.

Students will present their findings to date at OURI's Annual Summer Retreat on August 18. All are encouraged to attend.