A huge milestone this year was changing from the *"LSU Discover Undergraduate Research Program"* to the **LSU Office of Undergraduate Research (LSU OUR)**

> *This change reflects the growth of our unit over the years as we have developed numerous programs, events, and resources for students.*
>
> *- Sarah Ferstel, Director, LSU Office of Undergraduate Research*

Fall 2013
LSU Discover Program created through the QEP

Spring 2014
First LSU Discover Day conference held

2018
LSU Discover made permanent under the Office of Academic Affairs

Spring 2019
First Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher awardees honored at graduation

Spring 2025
New office name publicly announced

RECORD NUMBERS

72 students awarded
Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher medals

August 2024: 5 | December 2024: 4 | May 2025: 63

471 registered student presenters
at the 12th annual LSU Discover Day, April 25, 2025

382 LSU undergraduates | 89 students from other schools

LSU DISCOVER DAY 2025
Undergraduate Research & Creativity Conference
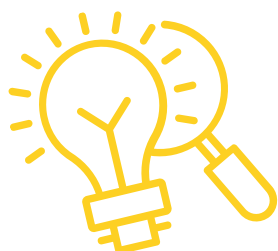
18 students funded
to present at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)

April 7 - 9, 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA

Read about the students' experiences presenting at NCUR:

Connecting students to research opportunities & resources through...

Website lsu.edu/our	43,600 views	Instagram @lsu_our	2,365 followers
Mentor Database	266 faculty profiles	Twitter (X) @lsu_our	1,114 followers
Digital Newsletter	10,656 subscribers	LinkedIn	896 followers

OUR Students

13 students received Project Grants to conduct faculty-mentored research or creative projects for a total of **$49,520 in funding awarded**.
Summer 2024: 6 students funded
Fall 2024-Spring 2025: 7 students funded

100 summer researchers presented their work at the 29th annual Summer Undergraduate Research Forum on August 2, 2024.
127 students across **23 programs** were registered for summer research programming through our office.

We welcomed 25 new freshmen into the Explorers Program for Fall 2024-Spring 2025.
58 students applied, a significant jump from 37 applicants the previous year.