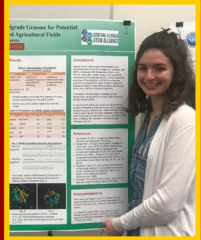


Student Testimonials



**Madison Granduke,
Marine Biology Major**

“My professor saw potential in me to do independent research. Doing research like this is a great, hands-on way to learn more about your field and to discover new ideas. The research allowed me a chance to hone my skills and offered great experience for my future in the STEM field. I was able to refine my presentation skills and share my hard work with others just as interested as I was.”



**Daniela Gonzalez,
Psychology Major**

“By conducting research, I am not only gaining more academic knowledge but also it allows me to give back to my community. Research has offered me many benefits, such as traveling to many conferences around the USA to develop my personal and academic skills. Research has also allowed me to network with many graduate school recruiters that are interested in helping me to pursue my dream of earning a Ph.D. one day.”

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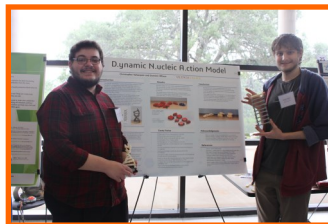
What is Undergraduate Research?

- In its most simple description, undergraduate research is **students learning by doing** - the pinnacle of active learning.
- Students reinforce and **expand their knowledge through active inquiry** in scholarly and discipline research processes.
- The research experience may vary by discipline and focus, and be **academic, applied, design-based, or creative**. It may range from open-ended to authentic inquiry, but it is useful to students and often the discipline of study.
- Students receive **training on elements of research or scholarship** such as discipline-specific methodology, library research and literature review, ethical standards of research, safety, effective project management, and communication and presentation skills.

How to Get Involved at Valencia

Valencia offers a variety of options for students looking to gain experience in research:

- ◆ **Embedded Model classes** – Faculty members integrate research into an already existing course
- ◆ **Mentor Model** – Faculty member works one-on-one with a student. Oversees Independent Studies Research Project
- ◆ **Honors Track** – Honors students can receive an Honors distinction by completing this two-course requirement. IDH2911– Research Methods course and IDH2912—Independent Research Course.
- ◆ **LSAMP Scholarship** – A two-semester commitment geared towards STEM majors. Students get to participate in regular workshops and receive a small stipend for engaging in this work.

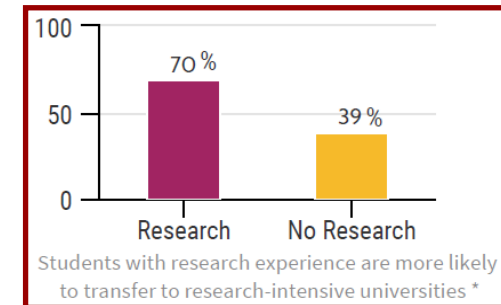
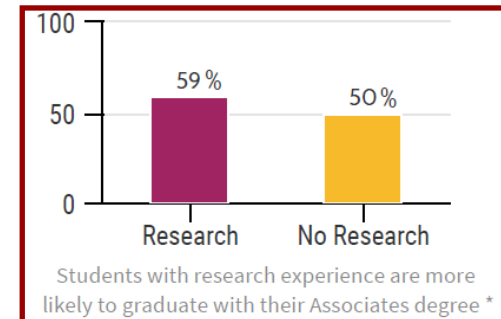


Biology students, Christopher Velazquez and Dominic Alnao, presenting their research at the end-of-term showcase.



History major, Sarah Bousfield won 1st place for her Independent Research project

Enjoy the Benefits!



Students who engage in research during their first two years of college are not only more likely to graduate with their Associate's degree, but are also more likely to remain in their degree programs at a four-year university.

Educational Benefits

- Build relationships with faculty members
- Gain experience in your chosen field/career
- Tackle complex concepts at a deeper level

Professional Benefits

- Participate in networking opportunities
- Enhance your communication skills
- Prepare for graduate/professional school

Personal Benefits

- Gain independent work skills
- Learn about ethical practices
- Expand your knowledge on a topic you like