



Communicating your findings to others is a crucial and exciting aspect of research. Undergraduates often present their work in one of the following ways:

- Scholarly poster presented at a conference/symposium
- Oral presentation given at a conference/symposium
- Research paper published in a journal

There are opportunities to present your work both on-campus and at the regional or national level. As a BDP student, you are strongly encouraged to consider presenting your work at the annual BDP Poster Session held each spring as part of Research Week.

Several other resources are provided below, but keep in mind that this is not an exhaustive list. **When exploring possibilities, a valuable resource is your faculty mentor.** Ask if there are regional or national conferences or other venues where you might be able to present your work. Also, make sure to talk to your professors and departmental academic advisors about opportunities in your college or school.

Presenting your Work at a Conference or Symposium

Undergraduates may choose to present their research findings at a conference, symposium, or other research-related event or forum. Typically students communicate and present their work in the form of a scholarly poster or an oral presentation. If you are collaborating with a faculty member or a research team, always clear your proposed ideas with your faculty mentor.

- **Poster Presentation** - A poster is a large-format visual communication tool that allows you to present your research or internship experience in a clear, concise, graphic format. Posters can be made at any stage of research or while you are still completing an internship.
- **Oral Presentation** - Oral presentations are more formal than poster presentations and allow you to practice your public speaking skills and display your expertise. Many professors prefer that their students conduct oral presentations rather than poster presentations so students will be better prepared for graduate study and beyond. In some disciplines, oral presentations are more common than posters.

On Campus Undergraduate Research Events and Resources

- Bridging Disciplines Programs Annual Poster Session (<http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp>)
- College of Engineering Undergraduate Research Resources (www.engr.utexas.edu/research/undergraduate)
- College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Resources (www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/student-programs/undergrad/)
- College of Natural Sciences Undergraduate Research Resources (cns.utexas.edu/research-experience/undergraduate-research)
- College of Natural Sciences Annual Undergraduate Research Forum (cns.utexas.edu/research-experience/undergraduate-research/undergraduate-research-forum)
- Office of Undergraduate Research Poster Resources (www.utexas.edu/ugs/our/poster)
- Research Week (www.utexas.edu/ugs/researchweek)

Publishing Your Work in a Journal

When your research experience culminates in a paper, you may want to consider submitting it to a journal for publication. The Undergraduate Research Commons (undergraduatecommons.com/) and the Council on Undergraduate Research (www.cur.org/resources/students/undergraduate_journals/) both provide portals for finding undergraduate research publications from around the world. These sites can be useful for finding examples of undergraduate research in your field of study, and for finding publications that accept submissions from all undergraduates.

Listed below are a number of undergraduate research journals to consider. Your faculty mentor might also have recommendations about where you submit your work.

UT Undergraduate Research Journals

- *Analecta* (analectajournal.tumblr.com/)
UT's literary and arts journal, open to undergraduate and graduate students.
- *Ex Nihilo* (www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/philosophy/undergraduate-program/Ex-Nihilo.php)
A student-run philosophy journal that seeks to serve as an outlet for undergraduate philosophy essays of exceptional quality.
- *TheJUMP* (jump.dwrl.utexas.edu/)
This online journal is an outlet for creative works and scholarly criticism, focusing on digital and multimedia projects employing the rhetoric of new media.
- *Sociological Insight* (blogs.utexas.edu/socinsight/)
A national undergraduate research journal aimed at promoting undergraduate research in the social sciences.
- *The Developing Economist* (www.developingeconomist.com/about.html)
A journal dedicated to publishing outstanding undergraduate research in the fields of economics, mathematics, international relations, finance, and public policy, while fostering scientific learning within the UT Austin community.
- *University of Texas Undergraduate Research Journal* (texasurj.com/)
A student-edited and published multidisciplinary journal of undergraduate studies and research.

Examples of Other Undergraduate Research Journals

- *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research* (www.psichi.org/?page=journal_main)
- *American Undergraduate Journal of Politics and Government*
(web.ics.purdue.edu/~psalpha/journal/)
- *Journal of Young Investigators* (www.jyi.org/about/)