

ENS OCHS TURC Application & Proposal Form

Have you ever participated in TURC before? Yes _____ No _____

If so, when? _____

Are you currently engaged in community service? Yes _____ No _____

If so, please describe the nature of your service.

Are you participating in community service this summer? Yes _____ No _____

Please describe the nature of your intended project. If you will be working with an organization or agenda, please state the name of that organization or agency.

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What is the title of your research proposal?

What are the dates of your TURC project? Starting? _____ Ending? _____

Describe your research proposal in 300 words or less.

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TURC Statement of Understanding

TURC is a mentoring program that seeks to create leaders in scholarship, research and public life. This distinctive undergraduate research program has garnered national attention owing largely to its unique integration of scholarship and service.

Undergraduate research is the program's centerpiece. Under the guidance of faculty mentors, TURC students conduct original and intellectually significant research within their various disciplines. The goals of such research may be to deliver papers at academic conferences, to produce publishable articles, or to initiate meaningful community projects. In disciplines in which publications are not the standard of scholarship, other criteria may be used (e.g., a musical composition, an art exhibit).

Anchored in the belief that all citizens should actively contribute to the betterment of society, TURC endeavors to prepare students for service and leadership within their various communities and professions. Service is an intrinsic part of the program's ethos and, accordingly, all students are required to participate in community service projects of their choosing.

Success in nationally competitive scholarships has been a natural outgrowth for many TURC students. National awards provide a means of measurable success for students and even for the program itself. However, competing for national scholarships is neither the program's primary goal nor fitting for every TURC student.

By design, TURC fosters flexibility and ingenuity among faculty mentors who implement the program throughout the university's various disciplines. The program stipulates only that students and mentors agree to embrace its core components—research and service—so that this unique undergraduate research program remains true to its origins and donors' intent.

I understand these concepts and agree that the program as stated here fits my needs and goals.

Student signature _____ Date _____

As this student's TURC mentor, I agree to encourage and mentor him/her in these stated endeavors.

Faculty signature _____ Date _____