

Undergraduate Research at UR

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Undergraduate Research



Undergraduate research is an investigation conducted by an undergraduate that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to a discipline.

- Any discipline
- Usually outside the classroom under mentorship of faculty
- Paid, volunteer or for-credit
- Academic year or summer
- Flexible duration and time commitment
- No experience necessary
- At an internal or an external institution

Table 1. Recipients of nationally competitive undergraduate fellowships

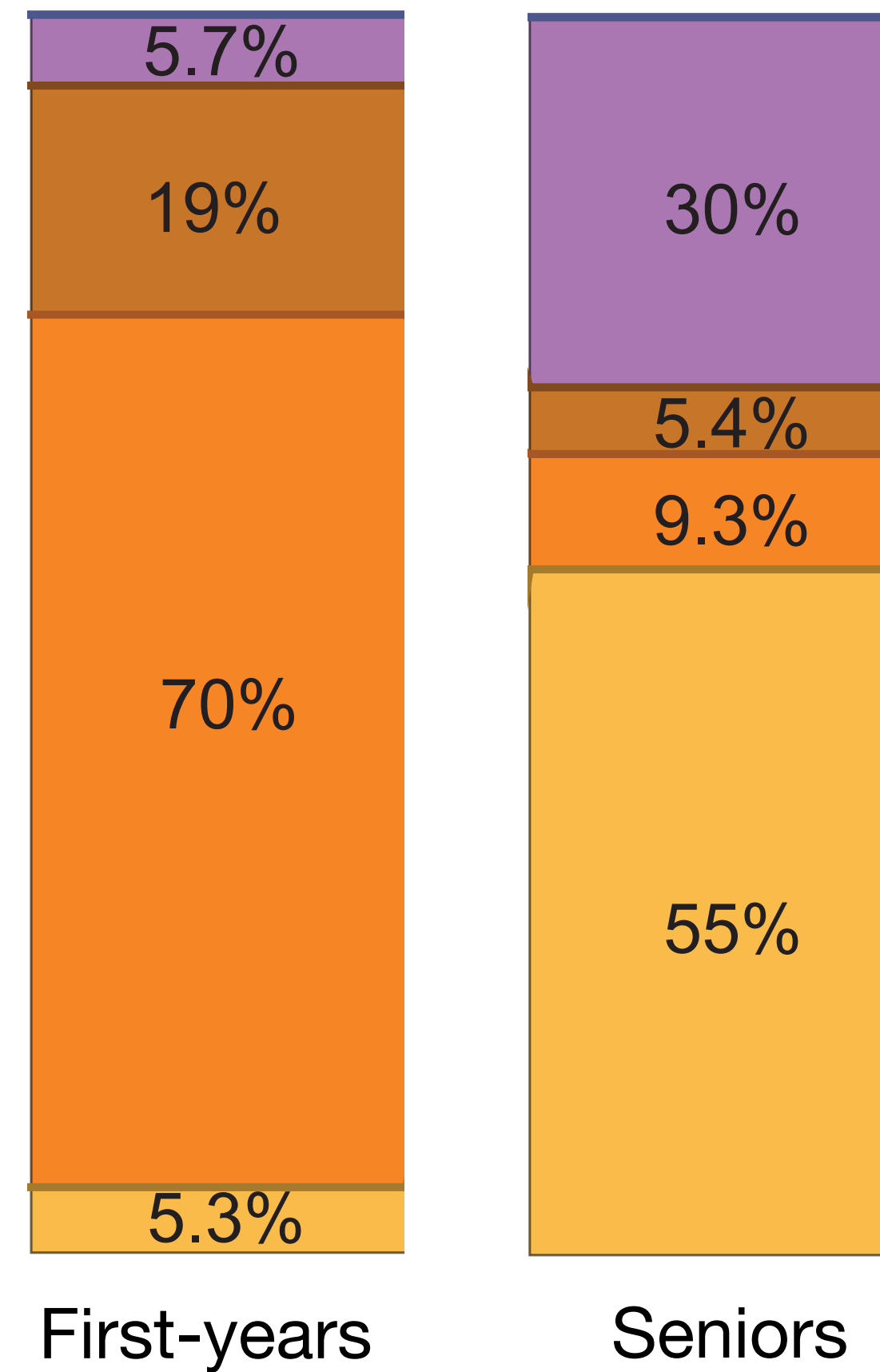
	Undergraduate Enrollment (2019)	Fulbright Scholars (2013-21)	Goldwater Scholars (2013-21)	NSF GRFP (2013-21)
University of Rochester	6,546	82	16	28
Emory University	8,079	82	16	16
New York University	26,981	95	2	13
Carnegie Mellon University	6,896	55	16	35
Washington University	7,675	57	19	42
Vanderbilt University	7,057	94	15	33

Undergraduate Research Participation at the University of Rochester

2019 COFHE Survey

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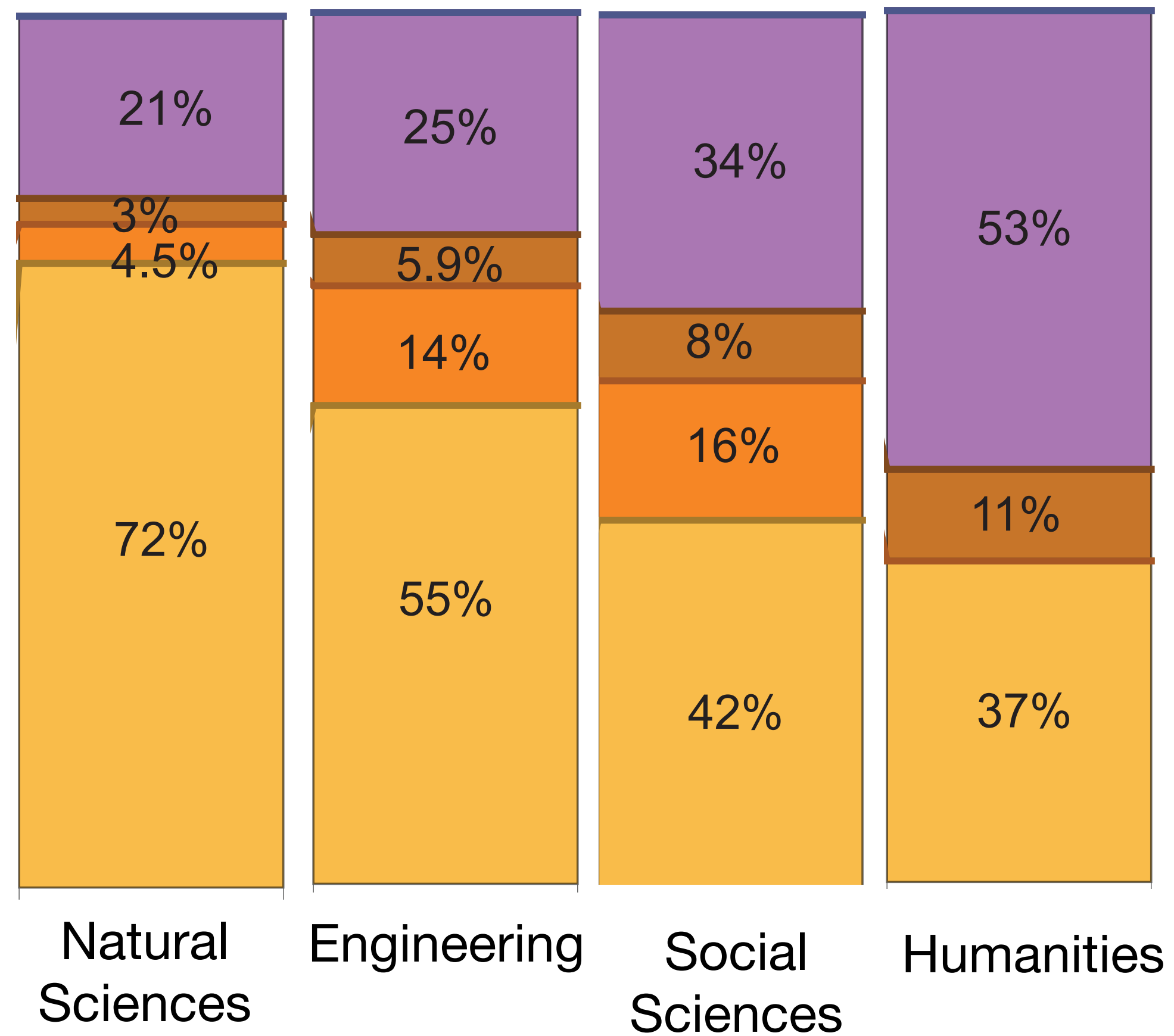
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Seniors by major

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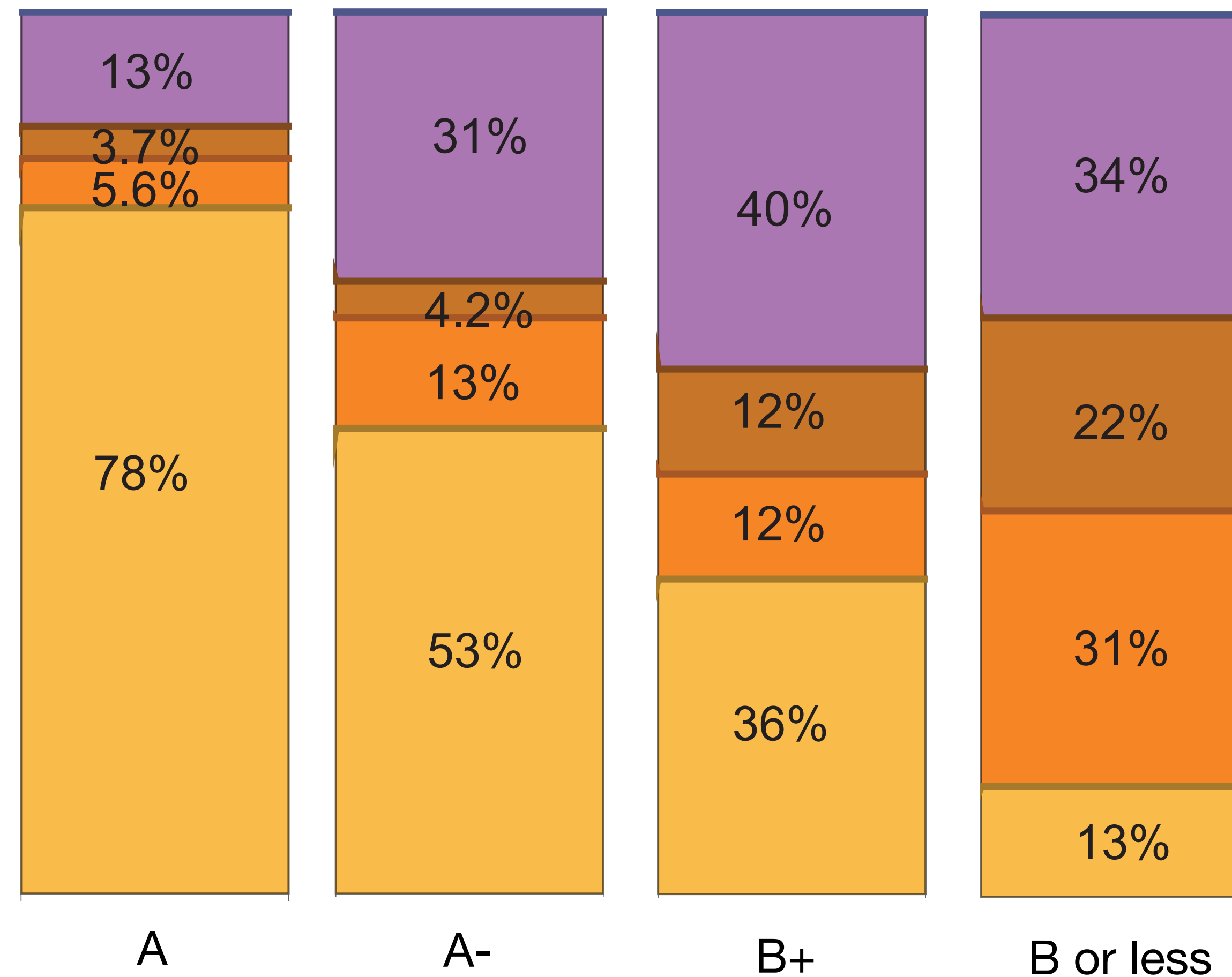
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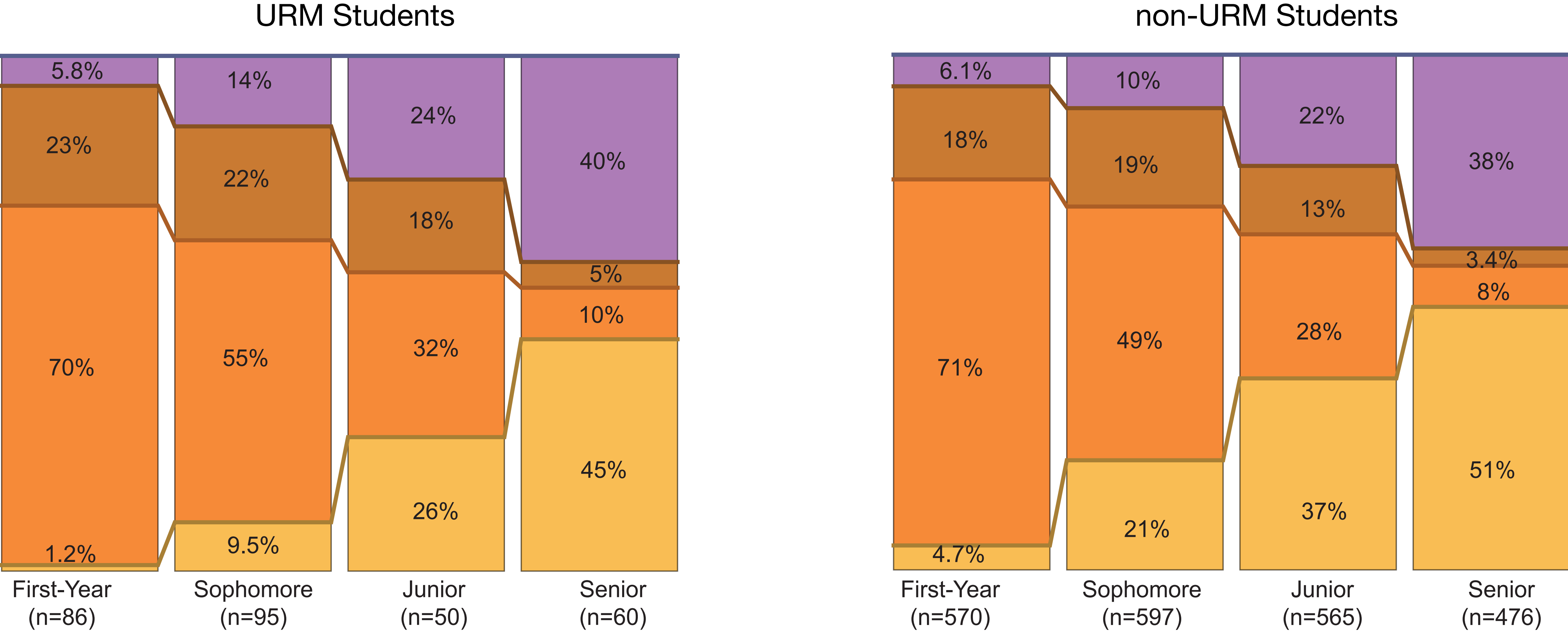
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Seniors by average grade



Research participation by URM students



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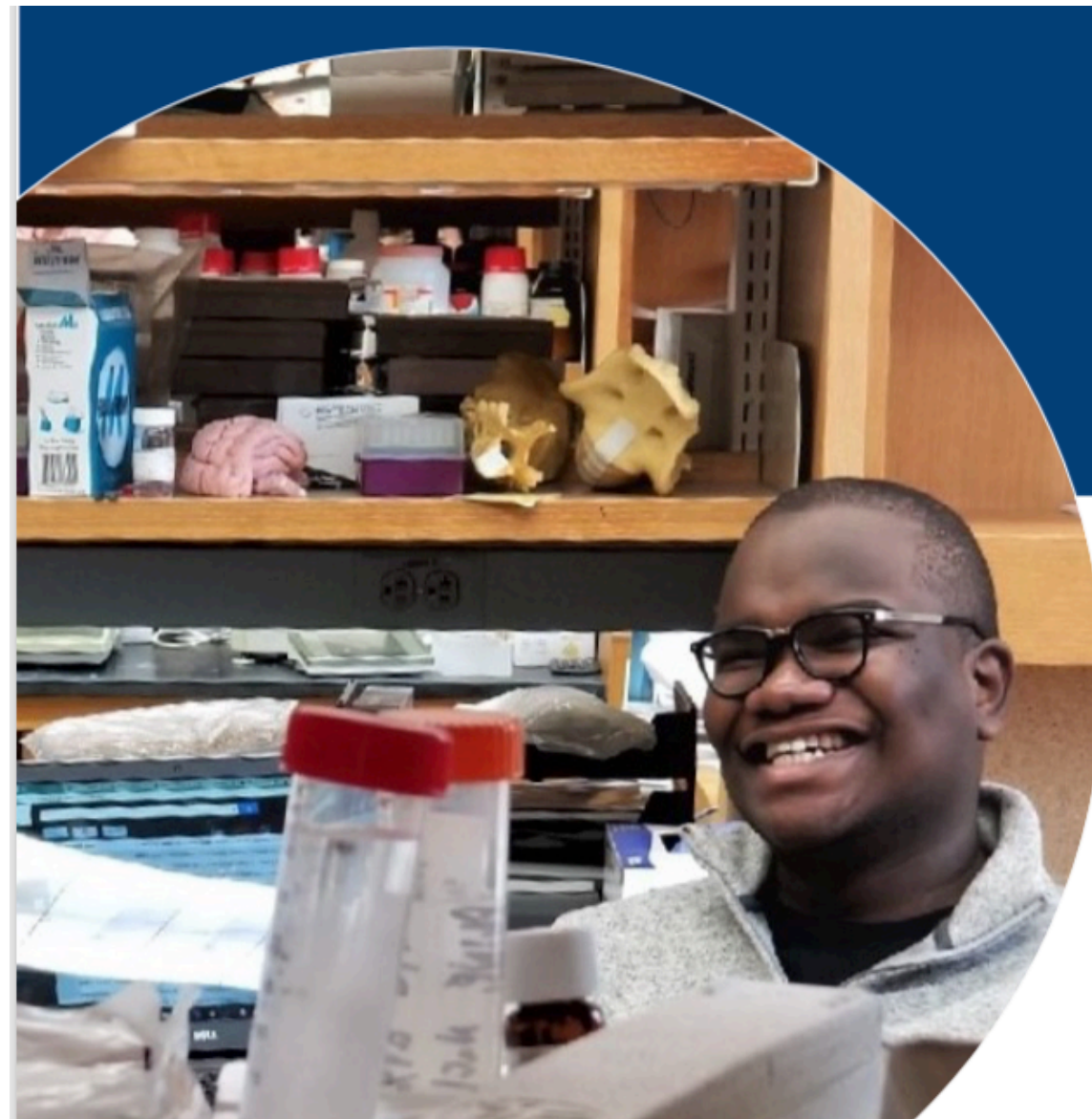
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Office of Undergraduate Research (UGR) at UR

Mission Statement



- To facilitate and strengthen undergraduate research programs across all disciplines at UR.
- To increase opportunities and reduce barriers for undergraduate research.
- To promote and recognize undergraduate research accomplishments and undergraduate research mentorship.

Office of Undergraduate Research (UGR)

Activities and Programs

- **Funding for undergraduate research experiences**
 - Discover Grant (summer research funding) ★
 - FLARE (funding for faculty to create undergraduate research programs)
 - RPA (funding for attending conferences)
 - RIG/HRIG (research funding given by Admissions to select students)
 - Meliora Scholars (research funding for independent research in the Humanities)
- **Venues for students to present their research**
 - Research Expo (undergraduate research presentations held in April)
 - Journal of Undergraduate Research (research journal for undergraduates)

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Activities and Programs

- **Helping students identify research opportunities**
 - AURA (website listing current undergraduate research opportunities)
 - Research Fair (discipline-specific information about getting started in undergraduate research held in October)
 - One-on-one advising
 - Website listings of fellowships and research programs
- **Providing advice to faculty regarding undergraduate research**
- **Promoting undergraduate research on campus**
 - Orientation events
 - Workshops
 - Meeting with potential donors
 - Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

Discover Grants



- Funding for mentored summer research experiences
- \$5,000 given as a stipend to student
- Application submitted by both student and mentor and includes research and mentorship statements
- ~180 applicants
- Approximately 33% success rate
- Applicants need to produce a written report or present their research at the Research Expo

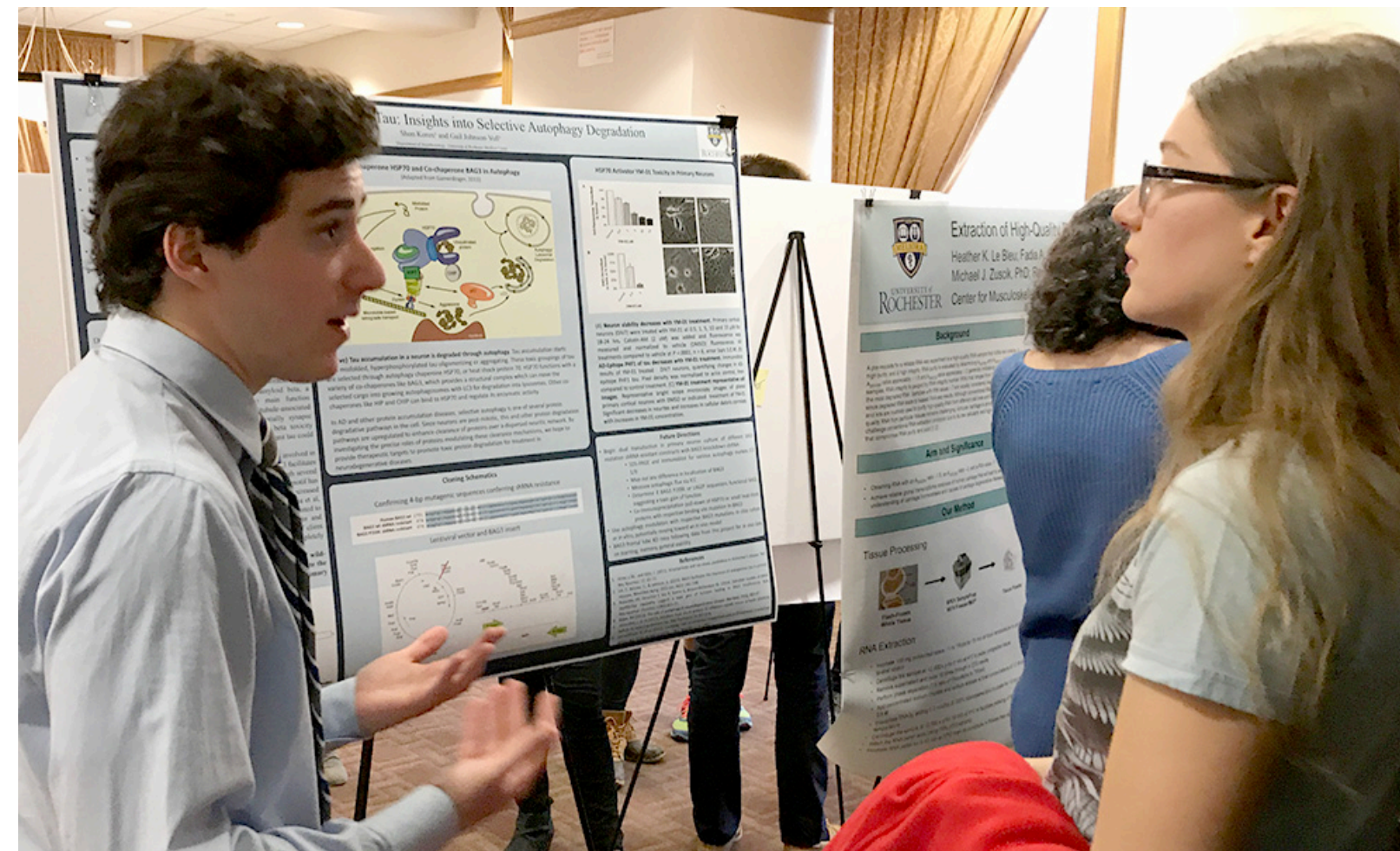
Research Fair

- Held in the beginning of Fall semester
- Provides an opportunity for departments to share undergraduate research opportunities with students
- Attended by 400+ students & 40 departments and programs



Research Expo

- Research presentations (posters and talks) by more than 120 students across disciplines. Held in April.
- In-person poster sessions are typically attended by 250-400 visitors, and the average audience numbers for research talks are 30-70



Ronald E. McNair

Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The goal of the McNair Program is to increase the numbers of low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented minority students who pursue the doctoral degree, with the long-term goal of helping to diversify the nation's college and university faculty and researchers. The program provides intensive advising and academic support as well as a mentored research opportunity, the opportunity to travel to research conferences, and a myriad of other supports that help students achieve their academic potential. McNair scholars also participate in a seminar, three credit-bearing lecture classes, and a two-month research program.

STATISTICS

- Established in 1992, the McNair Program at the University of Rochester has served more than 450 students at the University of Rochester
- 82% of McNair Scholars directly enroll in graduate school. The average for McNair programs nationally is less than 45%
 - o Our alumni with degrees:
 - 195 master's
 - 49 Ph.D.
 - 69 Other doctoral (MD, JD, DVM, DDS, PsyD, PharmD)
- 100% of McNair Scholars graduate having completed a research project under faculty guidance and participated in a research symposia

Fellowship Opportunities

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Overview

Getting Started on Your Fellowships Quest

Step 1: Review the fellowships opportunities listed under your class year on the navigation menu or join us for an [information session](#).

Step 2: Submit a [Prospective Applicant Form](#) so we can learn more about your academic and career interests.

Step 3: Come see us to discuss your profile and opportunities for which you might be a good match! See our [contact page](#) for walk-in hours and appointment details.

Step 4: Start working on your application.

- For awards **requiring a University of Rochester endorsement**, you will need to complete and submit the [Fellowships Preliminary Questionnaire](#) (FPQ). You may also want to complete the FPQ if you want to work with the director of fellowships on other highly selective open-competition awards.
- Already submitted an FPQ? If it has been more than one academic year since you completed your FPQ, please submit the [FPQ Update](#).
- Please be advised that before we nominate you or endorse your candidacy for a fellowship competition, we will perform a **conduct and academic honesty check** to confirm that you are in good disciplinary and academic standing.

Let's find undergraduate research, together

AURA makes research more accessible to undergraduate students by facilitating connections to research mentors on their college campus.



I am a student



I am a mentor





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