

## **“Students to Scholars” Norwich University Undergraduate Research Symposium (NUURS)**

### **What is “STUDENTS TO SCHOLARS”?**

A “think tank” style symposium for undergraduates to pitch their research ideas and get practical feedback about how to write a successful research proposal.

### **The Goals of the “STUDENTS TO SCHOLARS” Symposium are to:**

- provide students with the **tools to craft a winning research proposal** AND
- bring students and faculty across disciplines together to **network and share strategies for success.**

### **What TOPICS and RESEARCH QUESTIONS have been addressed at this event?**

“What would a criminal justice system look like on Mars?”

“How can I build a wind turbine that is more efficient than any design previously built?”

“What stories can tattoos tell us?”

“How can looking at how particular proteins bind to one another contribute to cancer research?”

“Is there a way to create an architectural design that is able to resist geologic hazards?”

### **Why should students participate?**

- “Students to Scholars” is a stepping stone to writing a winning research grant or fellowship proposal: in 2015, 5 of the 12 presenters at the Symposium applied for and were awarded Summer Research Fellowships in 2016.
- Attending this event will help you understand the research process and begin your journey from Student to Scholar!
- If you’re looking for a faculty or peer mentor for your project, this is the place to find one.
- **Networking:** build a supportive network of support in one afternoon.
- **Strengthen your resume.** Employers and graduate degree programs look favorably on involvement in undergraduate research.

## **What are students saying about “Students to Scholars”?**

“Because I attended Students to Scholars, I feel much more confident that I could go into a research project and find a mentor that would be compatible with me and interested in the work that I want to do.”

“I would recommend Students to Scholars to any of my classmates, even if they weren’t interested in doing research, because this symposium may spark that interest.”

“At the end of this event, I looked back with a newfound appreciation for the time and effort required to put forth and develop an idea.”

“The Symposium allows students to embrace the ‘I don’t know’ and explore without limits.”

“Students to Scholars gave me insight as to what questions I would later have to answer, so that I could be better prepared. It also gave me a chance to present my idea to a group of people and obtain feedback.”

## **2016 APPLICATION FOR NORWICH UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM: STUDENTS TO SCHOLARS**

To apply to present your research idea on one of our student panels, please respond to the questions below. A faculty member must read your application and write a brief letter of recommendation to sponsor you (no more than 1 page).

**Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted via email to the Undergraduate Research Program Director, Dr. Amy Woodbury Tease, at [undergraduateresearch@norwich.edu](mailto:undergraduateresearch@norwich.edu) by the deadline posted on our website.**

### **Student Information**

Name:

Email address:

Major:

**Please answer the following questions. Your response to each question must not exceed 100 words.**

1. What is your research topic?
2. What question(s) do you want your research to address?
3. How would you approach your research?
4. What drew you to this area of research?
5. Why is your idea important to your field of study?