

Thirty-Five Years of the Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research

- 1987 First academic-year undergraduate research grants awarded through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)—the Hamel Center’s former name. From the outset, UROP funded research, scholarly, and creative projects by undergraduates in *all* fields of study.
- 1988 First Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) and Research Presentation Grants awarded.
- 1994 First SURF Abroad grants awarded to support summer undergraduate research outside the U.S.
- 1997 International Research Opportunities Program (IROP)—the first of its kind in the nation—established through a federal grant.
- 2003 INCO 590: Student Research Experience established to provide course credit for academic-year research.
- 2004 Endowment from Mr. Dana Hamel and family established to support and expand undergraduate research opportunities at UNH.
- 2005 First annual (spring) issue of *Inquiry* published, UNH’s online journal of undergraduate research.
- 2006 UROP renamed the Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research, in recognition of the Hamel family’s generous support.
- 2006 Honors Thesis Grants established.
- 2007 Research Experience and Apprenticeship Program (REAP) established for outstanding students who have just finished their first year at UNH.
- 2010 INCO 790: Advanced Research Experience established to provide course credit for advanced research projects.
- 2015 The Hamel Center became the administrative home of UNH’s Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), which began in 2000 through the Office of Engagement and Academic Outreach and is one of the largest and most diverse conferences of its kind in the country.
- 2021 First fall issue of *Inquiry* published (now published twice a year).
- 2021 Hamel Center Student Ambassadors program established.
- 2021 Undergraduate Research Blog launched.
- 2022 Thirty-fifth anniversary of the Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research—one of the oldest university-wide undergraduate research programs in the country.