



Emerging Researchers Academy

Fall 2024 Workshop Series

Undergraduate Research Series with the Science Hub

Date: Thursday, September 26th

Time: 4-5pm

The Undergraduate Research Series hosts staff from the VCU Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry as well as a panel of undergraduate researchers to share opportunities and insights for students at the undergraduate level who are interested in gaining research experiences. Students who join us will learn what it's like to do research as an undergraduate and next steps on how to get involved.

Research Writing Process Workshop

Date: Wednesday, October 16th

Time: 3-4 pm

In this interactive Zoom workshop, we will help demystify the college research writing process by breaking it down into manageable chunks, so you don't procrastinate until the last minute. Start your academic research writing career off right by finding out why you write the way you do, and how to become a more efficient writer!

Research Question Workshop

Date: Wednesday, October 23rd

Time: 3-4 pm

Research questions can be difficult to start because they are often the first step in your research process. This interactive Zoom workshop will help you feel more comfortable when beginning a research project and will teach you how to develop a clear, focused, and complex research question.

Undergraduate Research Series with the Science Hub

Date: Wednesday, October 30th

Time: 12-1 pm

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NSO General Information Session

Date: Wednesday, October 30th

Time: 2-3pm

The VCU National Scholarship Office hosts a general information session geared towards all undergraduates who are new to VCU this fall—first-year and transfer students—but all are welcome! Learn about the NSO, the (inter)nationally-competitive awards and research programs we advise for, and how to make yourself a great candidate.

Library Databases and Research Strategies Workshop

Date: Wednesday, October 30th

Time: 3-4pm

VCU Libraries provides access to over 650 unique databases, as well as the Gold Search Box on the Libraries' website which allows you to discover books, articles, DVDs, and more. With all these options available, it should be easy to find resources for your research, right? Well, it's not that simple! Join a Teaching & Learning Librarian for a workshop about navigating library databases and forming search strategies to make your hunt for relevant, credible resources quicker, easier, and less of a headache! This workshop will demonstrate how to effectively use the Gold Search Box on the Libraries' website, as well as how to find and use subject-specific databases.

Reading and Incorporating Academic Sources into Your Writing Workshop

Date: Wednesday, November 6th

Time: 3-4pm

Sources are an important part of the writing process, but it can be difficult to know whether an article is “academic” or “scholarly,” much less whether or not it is useful to your research. This interactive Zoom workshop is a guide to finding, reading, evaluating, and incorporating academic sources into your work. Students will learn tips to start the search for relevant sources and how to properly integrate outside information into their writing.

Writing a Strong Introduction, Abstract, or Proposal Narrative Workshop

Date: Wednesday, November 13th

Time: 3-4pm

Being able to show the value of a larger piece or project with a succinct, well-structured introduction, abstract, or proposal narrative can be a nerve-racking endeavor, as you scramble to articulate your ideas in the best way possible. In this interactive Zoom workshop, we will give you the tools necessary to establish your ideas in a strong, logical way that will hook your audience and get them excited about reading more.

Applying for Summer Research Programs

Date: Friday, November 15th

Time: 12-1pm

The VCU Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry will provide information and tips on how to be a competitive applicant for funded summer research programs at VCU and beyond. Students who join us will learn about campus opportunities as well as summer programs the national level.

Undergraduate Research Series with the Science Hub

Date: Tuesday, November 19th

Time: 3-4pm

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Structuring Your Writing for Your Audience Workshop

Date: Wednesday, November 20th

Time: 3-4pm

It can be frustrating to put so much work into a paper, only to be told it doesn't flow or make sense. Alternately, if you're not sure how to do these things, you may put off writing until the last minute, which often results in a rushed mess. This interactive Zoom workshop will give you the tools necessary to meet the needs of your audience by writing strong, logical, structurally sound work.