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Journal of Undergraduate Research

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Purpose:

The Journal of Undergraduate Research (JUR) is an annual publication at the University of Kansas that highlights the scholarly works of undergraduate students across campus. The goal of the Journal is to provide visibility to undergraduate research at KU, including student's personal stories about the research process and, of course, the products of their hard work. We want to show other students, instructors, future employers, and parents what undergraduate research looks like at KU, and student work is the best way to highlight the diversity of academic inquiries going on across campus. The Journal is published in print and online, and is also housed in [KU ScholarWorks](#).

What do we publish?

The JUR publishes two types of undergraduate scholarship:

- **Research Briefs/ Artist Statements** (500-2,000 words): These shorter documents provide a concise overview of your project, and are often reports about projects in-progress or a shorter paper for a class. Artist statements will be submitted along with images, and should explain the methods, themes, and inspiration of your work.
- **Full manuscripts** (5,000-8,000 words): These longer documents offer a fuller exploration of a topic than a research brief, and are often the results of a larger class paper, capstone project, or senior thesis.

Please note that we have limited space to print full manuscripts, so we may ask you if you are interested in revising and resubmitting your

project as a research brief after the initial review of submissions. If this happens and you choose to resubmit as a research brief, you would need to complete the revisions during the month of June.

Submissions for the JUR may be the products of classes, independent study, supervised research, senior thesis, studios, etc., and they can be of any discipline or subject imaginable. In short, the origin of your research paper does not matter. Regardless of the length of your submission, your project should contribute *an original idea* to your area of study. In other words, your project should not simply restate what other people have said.

Deadline:

We will begin accepting submissions for the next issue of the Journal in the Spring 2015 semester. Please check back for more details then.

Evaluation Criteria:

Submissions for the Journal will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Quality of the research.
- Ability of author to explain how the research fits into the overall field of scholarship; submissions for the JUR should contribute *an original idea* to your area of study.
- Potential for the topic to be of interest to a general audience.
- Ability of author to use plain language and explain his/her research to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.
- Writing should be well-organized, utilize appropriate evidence and sources, and be virtually error free.

Eligibility:

Any undergraduate student who did research under a KU faculty or staff member between June 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015 can submit their work for publication. Students in any major can publish their work through the Journal, whether the product of your scholarship is a paper or a work of art. If you have questions about your eligibility, contact the Center for Undergraduate Research at cur@ku.edu.

While it is not necessary for the JUR submissions to be otherwise published, the JUR is designed to allow research articles to be simultaneously published in professional periodicals and our journal. However, if you are submitting your work to another publication, you should verify that submitting it to the Journal of Undergraduate Research as well will not conflict with their policies. If you are working with a larger research group, consent must be obtained from the professor who has supervised the research to ensure that all material submitted to the JUR do not violate copyright restrictions.



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