CAS Research Leaders Program

The CAS Research Leaders are a cohort of undergraduate students interested in enhancing awareness, participation, and inclusion in research and creative activity throughout the College of Arts & Sciences. The primary role of the Research Leaders is to encourage fellow students to engage in research and creative activity. CAS Research Leaders are advocates for the growth of undergraduate scholarship across diverse scholarly disciplines within CAS and throughout OSU.

CAS Research Leaders advocate for research/creative activity by:

- Sharing their experiences and interests in research/creative activity in CAS
- Presenting to students in courses, organizations, and clubs about research opportunities
- Representing CAS Research at events such as the CAS Research Browse and the annual OSU Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Providing feedback on current/proposed programming or offerings
- Attending orientation and 3-4 professional development meetings throughout the year
- Serving as a Research Leader for one academic year

CAS Research Leaders benefit from the program by:

- Making a positive impact on fellow students and future researchers
- Developing skills that strengthen their professional/academic applications
- Engaging in leadership opportunities
- Conducting outreach to diverse groups of peers across campus
- Practicing public speaking and teaching skills
- Integrating more fully into CAS’s high-caliber research and artistic communities
- Broadening their campus networks

To be eligible for this program, applicants must:

- Be an enrolled student in a CAS majors (not on academic/disciplinary probation)
- Have at least one semester of experience with faculty-mentored research or creative activity in CAS (or a summer research experience)
- Be supportive to fellow Leaders, and students from all backgrounds and identity groups
- Be able and willing to describe your research experience to general audiences in a clear, positive, and enthusiastic way
- Be willing to serve as a resource for fellow students about how to become involved in undergraduate research or creative activity

CAS Research Leaders are volunteers. The program is not intended to add significant time commitments to student schedules.

Application Information

The application deadline is typically in late Spring for the upcoming academic year.

For the 2022-2023, completed applications must be received by Thursday, May 31, 2022.
Interested students should complete the online application available at the link or by scanning the QR code:

https://okstatecas.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3z39YXgNHAguR26

Application Questions

1. Student Information (Name, CWID, Major(s), Graduation Date, Contact)

2. Attach your CV/résumé that includes, among other information, any involvement in student/campus organizations and any presentation and/or public speaking experience.

3. Describe any undergraduate research or creative activity experiences/projects (previous or current).

4. List all current/former OSU faculty mentors from your research or creative experiences.

5. Explain how you have benefited from, or what you have gained from, participating in undergraduate research or creative activity (200-words max).

6. Why do you want to be a CAS Research Leader? What strategies would you use to explain the benefits of undergraduate research or creative activity to fellow students (200-words max)?

Applicants will be contacted via email, if they are selected to move on to the interview stage.

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