Your support and participation is needed for the College of Natural Sciences’ signature event, the Undergraduate Research Forum. On April 13, 2018, approximately 250 undergraduates will share their research findings and scientific discoveries at the largest research open house on campus. More than 1,000 community members, company representatives, and science supporters are expected to attend.

The University of Texas at Austin’s College of Natural Sciences is transforming undergraduate education by providing experiential learning opportunities for all its students. These experiences empower our students as they learn and shape the future of science by creating innovations and making discoveries through research. Since 2006, the College of Natural Sciences has organized the Undergraduate Research Forum to help our student scientists:

• Present their research findings to an industry, research and peer audience
• Communicate their science and receive feedback on presentation skills
• Showcase their work and highlight why their discoveries matter

Students are eligible for research awards that recognize their scientific accomplishments and communication skills. Sponsored research awards give visibility and marketing recognition to their industry and alumni partners – in turn, increasing engagement and investment in Texas Science.

We are seeking a total of $40,000 in sponsorships to support both named research awards at this event and Texas Science undergraduate summer research fellowships.

About the University of Texas at Austin’s College of Natural Sciences

The College of Natural Sciences (CNS) serves as a hub for research, innovation and discoveries that benefit the scientific community and the general public. CNS includes 12 departments including the chemical and life sciences. Learning experiences and opportunities offered by the College of Natural Sciences support students so they are better prepared to contribute in the workplace and to society. Each year we graduate approximately 2,000 students who become the next generation of scientists, doctors, professionals and innovators.

For questions regarding sponsorship, please contact Sumaya Saati, Assistant Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations – College of Natural Sciences, at sumaya@austin.utexas.edu or 512-475-8158.
2018 Undergraduate Research Forum

The Undergraduate Research Forum is UT Austin’s signature, annual event where approximately 250 students across the College of Natural Sciences present their research. Industry professionals and enthusiasts are needed to judge poster presentations and attend the event on April 13, 2018. Sponsorship opportunities include recognition for your company through named student awards and summer 2018 research fellowships. Support of the Undergraduate Research Forum also affiliates you and your business with research, discoveries, and students at the University of Texas at Austin.

Sponsorships of $500 will underwrite a named student research award providing logo and name recognition. Sponsorships of $1,500 or more will include recognition in the Freshman Research Initiative (FRI) electronic newsletter, online recognition on the URF event website, access to our Hospitality Room during URF, and an invitation to a mixer with student presenters on the day of the event. Additional sponsorship benefits include:

$15,000+
- Recognition as Presenting Sponsor with logo/name on URF event posters, banners, and program
- Recognition as Presenting Sponsor and logo/name recognition at URF Awards Banquet (2-3 weeks after event)
- Speaking opportunity for company representative at day of student-judge mixer and at the URF Awards Banquet
- Full-page advertisement in URF event program
- Five named awards for student poster presentations
- Three named Summer Student Research Fellowships

$10,000 – $14,999
- Recognition of logo/name at URF Awards Banquet (2-3 weeks after event)
- Shared logo and name recognition on URF event posters and banners
- Half-page advertisement in URF event program
- Four named awards for student poster presentations
- Two named Summer Student Research Fellowships

$5,000 – $9,999
- Recognition of logo/name at URF Awards Banquet (2-3 weeks after URF)
- Shared logo and name recognition on URF event posters and banners
- Thank You sign recognizing industry sponsors at event
- Quarter-page advertisement in URF event program
- Three named awards for student poster presentations
- One named Summer Student Research Fellowship

$1,500 – $4,999
- Recognition of company/entity name at URF Awards Banquet (2–3 weeks after URF)
- Thank You sign recognizing industry sponsors at event
- Company/entity name recognition in URF event program
- Two named awards for student poster presentations
- One-half of a named Summer Student Research Fellowship

Logos must be delivered to Lynda Gonzales lyndag@austin.utexas.edu by March 1, 2018, to meet print deadline. Industry professionals and enthusiasts interested in judging student presentations may contact Lynda at 512-232-8345 or by email.

Gifts may be made online at: txsci.net/urf2018
YES! We would like to support the Undergraduate Research Forum!

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