The Freshman Research Scholars Program is an innovative approach to learning few universities offer to students interested in the dynamic activity of a comprehensive research institution. By elevating their education with real hands-on research experience, students in FRS can distinguish themselves as leaders capable of contributing to the scholarly community in ways that coursework alone cannot.

Such discovery learning complements a well-rounded course load by providing the critical opportunity to apply fundamental skills. Connections made through FRS often lead to rewarding long-term relationships with like-minded students and faculty.

“How the only way to make the most of your college experience is to make the most of it from the beginning.”

How to apply

Incoming freshmen must submit an application for The Freshman Research Scholars Program on or before March 1 of the upcoming academic year. Materials needed for application can be found on our website at http://okstateu.com/freshmanresearchscholars

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FRS provides an opportunity for approximately sixty bright, ambitious students to extend their education beyond the classroom by engaging in cutting-edge research under the guidance of innovative faculty researchers.

OSU understands that students who graduate without research experience have not taken full advantage of all that a comprehensive research university has to offer, so OSU leads the way in supporting undergraduate research in all fields of study.

Beyond FRS

Participants in FRS are uniquely prepared to take advantage of OSU’s extensive research opportunities for undergraduates. Each year approximately sixty of OSU’s most innovative scholars are awarded $4,500 Lew Wentz Research Grants to conduct projects of their own design. Additionally, several other awards, such as the Niblack, are granted to students in selected fields of study, making OSU a vibrant research community for undergraduates. Many of the students who participate in these programs continue to pursue successful careers in academia with placement in top research institutions, while others choose to take their experience into the private sector.

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- Learn basic research ethics and methodology in a college-specific orientation course taught by tenured faculty researchers
- Identify mentors in your field of study to guide you in the pursuit of your research interests

SPRING SEMESTER

- Implement the research plan developed in the fall under the guidance of your mentor
- Share the results of your research in a peer-level colloquium at the end of the semester

Freshman Research

Make your first year about more than satisfying general education requirements.

Pictured are OSU’s 2008 Goldwater Scholars Renee Hale, Paul Egan and Ilya Sluch.

Rosa Yorks, Freshman Research Scholar and 2012 Goldwater Scholar, is pictured on the cover.