

## Support for students taking part in UROS

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Scheme is designed to give students an introduction into undertaking research, and to support this we understand that students who undertake a UROS project require support and guidance through-out the process.

This guide covers the support offered to students involved in UROS and how they will be guided from application through to showcasing the end research project results.

### **Support from Academic Supervisors**

Applications for UROS should be submitted jointly by a student researcher and academic supervisor. Academic supervisors are there to mentor and guide student researchers through the process from application to result dissemination.

Supervisor support should start as part of the application process, which should be reflected in the project plan (required as part of a UROS application). Supervisors and student researchers should meet regularly to discuss project progress.

The support supervisors provide will vary depending on where you require support, but they should:

- Support with the UROS application
- Support with the project ethics application (through LEAS).
- Provide induction in the first week of the project.
- Weekly meetings with progress reviews
- Provision of necessary training in research skills and methods.
- Provision of necessary resources, including suitable working space.
- Provide support and offer feedback on your research poster
- Provide support and offer feedback your IMPact paper submission

### **Support Workshops (run by LALT)**

In addition to the support of your supervisor the Lincoln Academy of Learning and Teaching (LALT), who oversees UROS, also provide students with support from initial enquiry about UROS through to the submission of the research poster and paper.

LALT run five workshops, designed to support staff and students with UROS from application to submission:

**1. Applying for a UROS Student Bursary (ONLINE)**

This workshop takes place during the application window. The session provides support for anyone who is interested in applying for a UROS student bursary. The workshop provides guidance on how to decide on your research area, finding a supervisor, completing your application and preparing your ethics submission.

**2. Welcome: Introduction to UROS (COMPULSARY IN-PERSON)**

This workshop takes place a few weeks after all student bursaries have been confirmed. This session introduces all students and supervisors to UROS. The workshop outlines the next steps (submitting ethics and bursary payment requisition), expectations of a UROS participant and the outputs required to be submitted at the end of the scheme (a 2000-word paper and poster presenting your findings). The workshop also gives an overview of the support for students and supervisors including the planned workshops provided, as well as the key dates and submission deadlines. It also gives you an opportunity to meet other UROS participants and discuss your research ideas.

**3. UROS IMPact Writing Workshop (ONLINE)**

This online session provides more information on the UROS 2024 Special Edition of IMPact. The workshop outlines how to get started on your 2000-word paper and what you will need to include, using the easy-to-follow template and guidance provided. The session also explains the process for your article submission and how it will be reviewed and published. During this workshop, we look at good practice, submission examples, and answer any questions regarding the IMPact paper.

**4. Poster Workshop (IN-PERSON BRAYFORD CAMPUS)**

This in-person session goes over the requirements for your research poster. The workshop outlines the key points to consider when designing an effective research poster. There is an opportunity to review examples and share good practice in preparation for getting started on your own UROS poster. This session also provides an opportunity for you to ask any questions.

**5. Poster Presentation Skills (IN-PERSON BRAYFORD CAMPUS)**

Led by the Careers and Employability Team, this session will guide you through how to give a good poster presentation, how to help you communicate and engage with your audience effectively. The session will also help develop your confidence for the UROS Poster Presentation at the UROS Showcase Exhibition

Further Support

**If you need any further support, a meeting can be arranged to help you, alongside the LALT team being available throughout UROS if any support is needed.**

When your funding is accepted, you will be added to a Teams Group. This group is used to communicate important information, key dates for workshops and deadlines, and provide a platform for you to communicate with other students partaking in UROS.