

Research Culture Week

23 - 26 March 2026

Celebrating research culture through a programme of engaging events hosted by colleagues from across the university.

Everyone is welcome.....come along and be part of the conversation!



Find out more and sign up to events.



How you can get involved in research as an undergraduate



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What is research?



Research comprises “creative and systematic work undertaken to increase the stock of knowledge — including knowledge of humankind, culture, and society — and to devise new applications of available knowledge”

OECD 2015 *Frascati Manual*

- * A structured way of investigating a question or problem, moving beyond opinion to evidence-based understanding
- * It can be *primary* (generating new data yourself) or *secondary* (analysing and synthesising existing sources)
- * Identifying a gap in knowledge, designing a method to address it, and interpreting what you find
- * Good research is replicable, transparent about its limitations, and situates itself within what's already known
- * Research can be *creative* - it involves originality, imagination, and problem-solving

Research in the curriculum

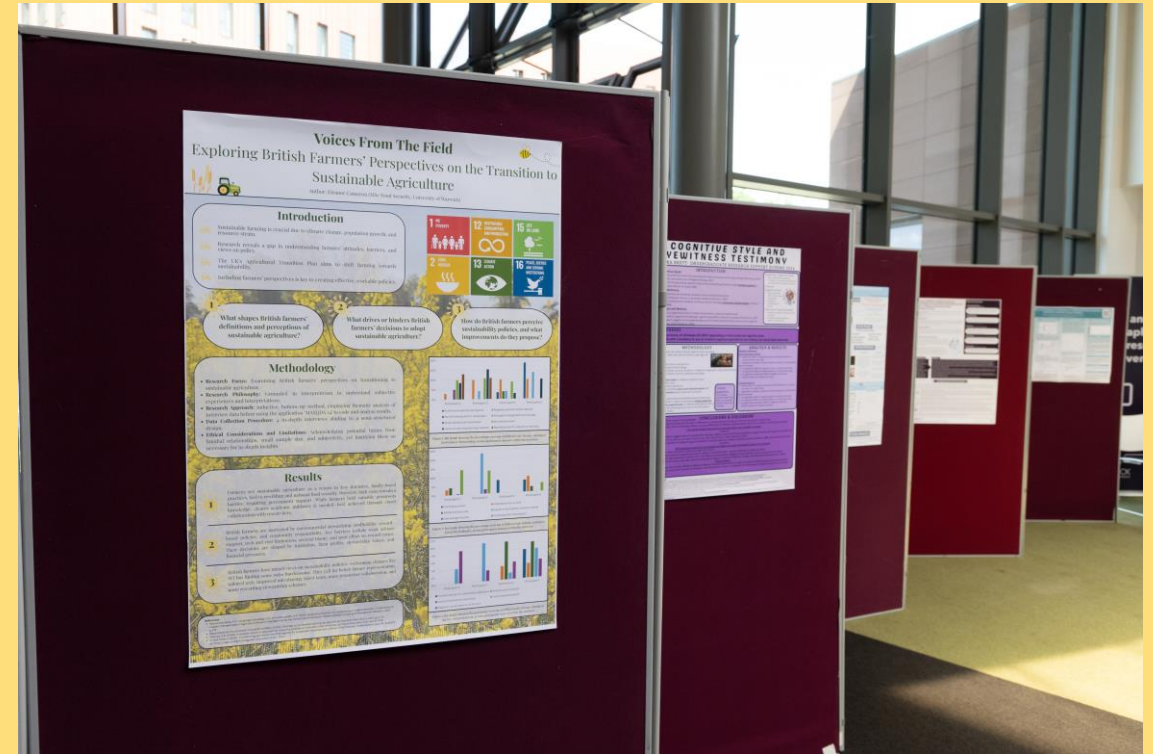
How you encounter and participate in research as part of your degree

Research is embedded in the curriculum — you're not just learning about topics, you're learning how to investigate them

You're taught by academics working at the cutting edge of their fields; the modules on offer reflect their active research interests, meaning you encounter the latest thinking in your discipline

Every assessment is an opportunity to practise research — forming a question, gathering evidence, and constructing an argument

In your final year, you may have the option to complete a dissertation or independent research project, pursuing a question of genuine interest to you.



Your Idea, Your Research: How to Pursue an ID Research Project

Take IL221/IL321 in 2026/27 – [Register here](#).



Develop an Interdisciplinary Project on a topic and in a format of your choice.

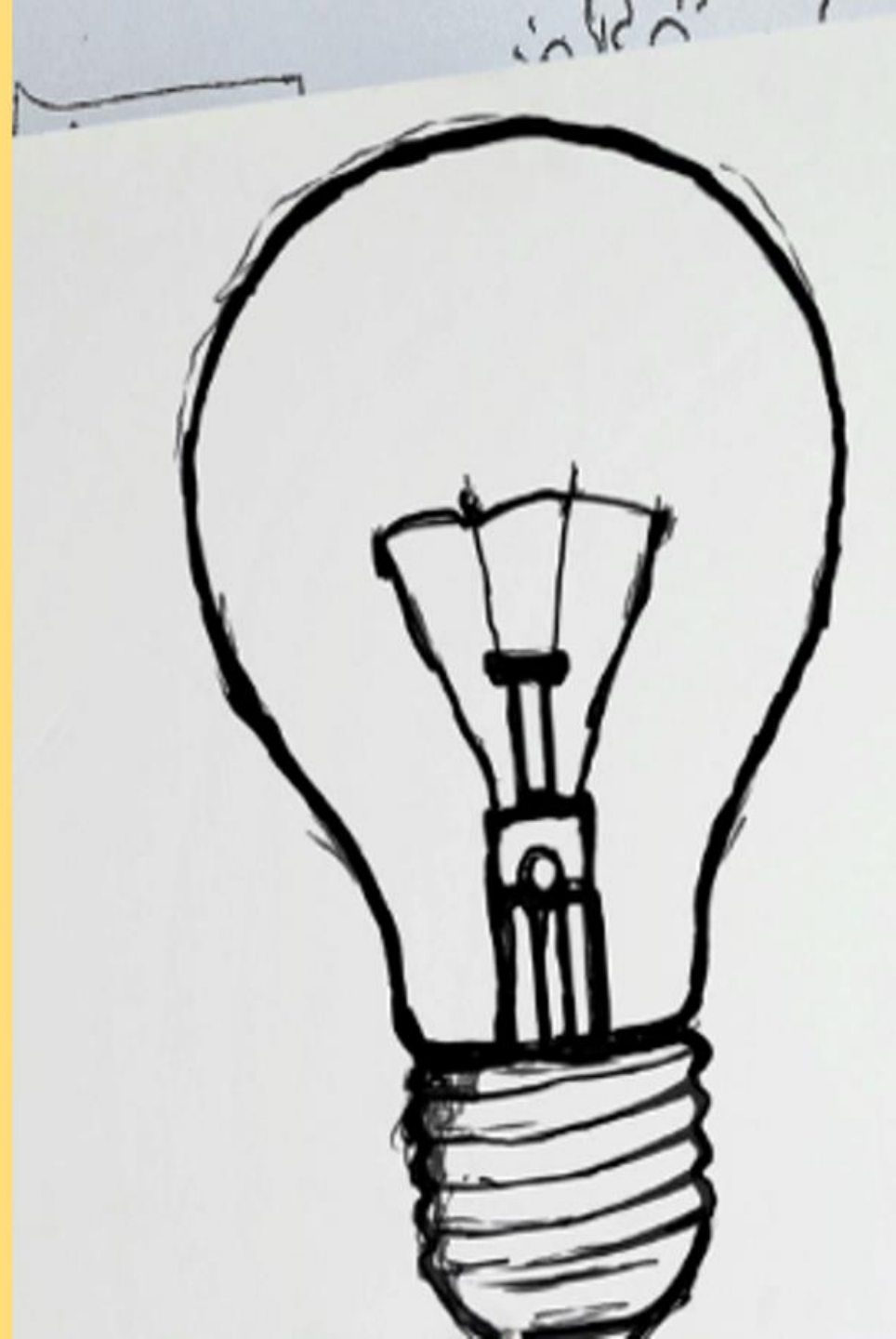
Learn how to become an interdisciplinary **student researcher** through an exciting co-creation approach to learning involving **staff and students from different disciplinary backgrounds**.

Enhance your disciplinary excellence even further by exploring how your existing knowledge and experience add value to the interdisciplinary research landscape.

Become empowered to contribute to our University's research culture and **engage with an interdisciplinary research community**.

Shape the direction of your employability and future through an interdisciplinary research project that is entirely yours: **designed, managed and executed by you**.

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/iatl/study/iatlugmodules/youridea_yourresearch/



Library support for UG Research

Subject specialist library guides, resources and support



Library offers access to:

Academic literature: books, journals and databases

Primary sources: data, digital archives and Modern Records Centre

Subject specialist support and guidance: one-to-one appointments and advice

We can help with:

- **Planning** literature searches and systematic literature reviews
- **Identifying and using** library databases to find relevant and trusted academic full-text literature
- **Managing** research references, avoiding plagiarism and referencing in preferred disciplinary referencing style
- **Critical evaluation** of sources



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Co-curricular and extra curricular research opportunities

Many departmental research opportunities aren't centrally advertised — they appear in department emails, on Moodle, or simply by asking an academic directly. The types of things that exist include:

Paid RA roles — helping an academic with their own research: archival work, literature searches, data handling, translation, or dissemination

Departmental summer programmes — 6–8-week placements within a research group, usually ending with a poster or presentation

Informal vacation projects — a small project agreed directly with a supervisor, sometimes fundable through URSS

Research-adjacent roles — supporting academics with editing, public engagement, or outreach tied to their research

Social Mobility Student Research Hub -

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/outreach/studentprojects/>



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Undergraduate Research Support Scheme (URSS)

Explore. Discover. Research.

-  **Self-directed, non-assessed research project**
-  **Duration:** 6 - 10 weeks (June - September)
-  **Supervision:** Guided by a Warwick academic
-  **Funding:** Bursary up to £1500
-  **Flexibility:**
 - Research can be in a different department
 - Get an international experience
 - Present your research at the URSS Showcase
 - Develop transferable skills and confidence for further study or a career



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IATL Project Funding

Up to £1,500 paid directly to you as a bursary to lead your own research project.

 **Topic is focused** — this year's themes include access and equity in undergraduate research, the student experience of research, embedding research in the curriculum, and research cultures and dissemination

 **You lead it** — student-led, with no requirement for a supervisor (though you need an academic to provide a brief supporting statement)

 **Undergraduates must be involved** — even if the lead applicant is a postgraduate

 **Flexible timing** — no fixed summer window; just needs to be completed within 3 months of your graduation

 **Cannot count towards assessment** — funded work must sit entirely outside your degree assessment



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Research events for UGs

International Conference of Undergraduate Research (ICUR)

The **International Conference of Undergraduate Research (ICUR)** is an annual, two-day academic conference that showcases excellence in undergraduate research from around the world.

Managed by **IATL** at the University of Warwick, it provides undergraduate researchers with a unique opportunity to present their research to **interdisciplinary audiences** across **international borders** in real-time, video-linked sessions from their home campus.

ICUR 2026 at Warwick will take place in the Oculus Building on **29th and 30th September 2026**.

We invite students from all disciplines and at all stages of their undergraduate journey to submit an abstract by **13th April 2026**, and take advantage of this opportunity to share their work on an interdisciplinary, international stage.



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British Conference of Undergraduate Research (BCUR)

BCUR is a national multidisciplinary conference. It brings together students engaged in a wide spectrum of research, spanning sciences, humanities, social sciences, engineering, arts, and more, offering a dynamic platform to present findings, receive feedback, and engage in meaningful interdisciplinary dialogue. **BCUR 2027 will be hosted by Queen Mary University of London.**

World Congress on Undergraduate Research (WorldCUR)

The World Congress on Undergraduate Research promotes undergraduate research in all disciplines. The Congress meets periodically once every three years at a different global university. Undergraduates of all levels are invited to submit an abstract to the Congress. **WorldCUR 2027 will be hosted by Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates.**



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Publishing your research

Reinvention an International Journal of Undergraduate Research

Supports student researchers to develop academic writing, experience the publishing process and publish research.

- Open to all undergraduate research
- Welcomes original research and critical reflections
- Peer reviewed high-quality content
- Established, respected and student led

Other journals

Exchanges: The Interdisciplinary Research Journal

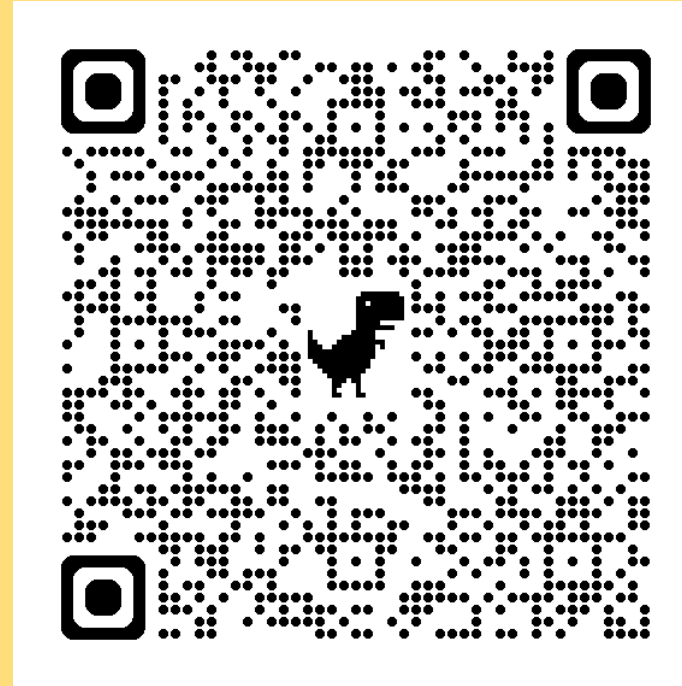
Undergraduate Research Journal Listing by The Council on Undergraduate Research



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How you can get involved in research as an undergraduate

We value your feedback:



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