

Outstanding Undergraduate Research (OUR) Award Student Reflection

Each OUR nominee is required to complete a reflection as described below to be included in the nomination package submitted by their Instructor.

Augustana's OUR award nomination guidelines state: *"The Outstanding Undergraduate Research award is granted twice a year to a student whose work has been presented at the Student Academic Conference. The award recognizes the best independent student work over the course of a term."*

As a part of being considered for this award, the adjudication committee would like to hear from each student nominee. Therefore, please submit a short reflection paper (500 words max.) using the guiding prompts shared below. Be sure that your reflection addresses the first three prompts.

Required prompts:

1. How has your independent work contributed to developing your skills as a Thinker, Researcher, and Communicator?
2. How has your project contributed to your personal and professional educational experience and development?
3. How did your project contribute to you having a broader/deeper understanding of the subject matter that you learned in your project?
4. What was exciting? What was fun? What was scary? What was difficult? Why does your project matter?

Optional prompts:

- What have you learned about working independently? For example, what skills did you bring to this project and what skills do you now recognize warrant intentional development?
- Using this project as a foundation and inspiration, what future projects can you imagine as a follow-up or next step? Why?
- Looking back on your independent work on this project, what strategies were particularly effective and what would you do differently if you could do this over?

Your reflection must be submitted to the instructor who is nominating you by the morning of the last day of exams for the current semester. This gives your instructor time to incorporate it into their nomination package that is due at 4 pm that day. (Note: your instructor may prefer to have it earlier to include with their nomination package - be sure to discuss the deadline with them.)