



## OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH & SCHOLARS

The Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars (OURS) provides support and game-changing mentorship to student scholars of all majors throughout their four-year college experience. The office helps students secure competitive fellowships; plan and execute research and creative work opportunities; participate in off-campus meetings and conferences; and much more.

### How can OURS help you become a scholar and a leader?

#### Pathways to Distinction

At Saint Ben's and Saint John's, GPAs aren't the only measure of our students. The Pathways to Distinction program tracks your steps toward achieving CSB and SJU's Institutional Learning Goals. The distinctions document your extraordinary development and accomplishments across academic, community-based, personal, leadership, global engagement, service and other experiences.

#### Research & Creative Work

Did you know 1 in 4 CSB and SJU students complete a significant research, creative or scholarly project every academic year? OURS is there with structured programs, high-quality mentorship and financial support. At CSB and SJU, research is for everyone – we make this high-impact experience possible for any student.

#### Competitive Fellowships Advising

We've been named a Top Producing Fulbright Institution seven times in the last nine years! Our Fellowship Advisors connect students to prestigious opportunities that best align with their experience, goals and future direction. The process helps students reflect on their academic and engagement efforts, develop confidence in articulating their aspirations, and embrace the application experience as a development opportunity.

### OURS is part of the Experience Hub: a one-stop for connecting to high-impact, out-of-the classroom experiences.

**Did you know that when you do one experience with the Hub, you're three times more likely to do another? Valerie Doze '21, is one student who did just that:**

- Became a Summer Leadership Fellow through XPD, interning with an international trade association in Arlington Virginia
- Studied abroad on the Salzburg Austria program through the Center for Global Education
- Through the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars, she completed a three-semester long Distinguished Thesis and was supported by competitive fellowships advisors in her successful pursuit of becoming a Truman Scholar and recipient of US Fulbright Research Award working at the Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences in Germany.



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## CAREER READINESS THROUGH RESEARCH

Through research and creative work, students are developing their professional identities. Our structured programs and compassionate mentors help student scholars develop skills in taking initiative, problem solving, innovative thinking, making connections to experiences beyond their field of study, and developing professional relationships with mentors.

## OPENING DOORS THROUGH FELLOWSHIPS

Applying for competitive fellowships is a high-impact way to articulate the incredible things you've done during your time at CSB and SJU. With the support of our fellowships advisors, we help you compose high-quality applications and essays that are endorsed by our institution and then submitted to national and international scholarship programs. If you're selected, you've done the work to open doors for your future career and expand your global network.

## DISTINCTIONS THAT EMPLOYERS LOVE

We value what you do and how you grow in and outside the classroom to meet our five Institutional Learning Goals (Embrace Difference, Engage Globally, Think Deeply, Serve Graciously and Live Courageously). Pathways to Distinction help you show your work and articulate the steps you've taken. This is a graduation distinction for the 21st century that employers love. Beyond that, it can lead to a more meaningful personal and professional life after graduation.

## What can you expect from us?

- Invitations to enroll in a Pathway to Distinction at the end of your first-year.
- Accessible research opportunities (like our Emerging Scholars Program or Distinguished Thesis) available all four-years.
- Funding to support exploring your scholarly and creative ideas through the OURS Grant Program.
- Opportunities to explore how research intersects with and impacts the community, such as our Student Health Assistants or Innovation Scholars programs.
- 60+ available positions every summer for on campus research opportunities.
- Connection and coaching when you become eligible for fellowships like Truman, Goldwater or the U.S. Fulbright Program.
- Opportunities to present your research or creative work at Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day!

**\$1M**

This year, the Experience Hub at CSB and SJU provided \$1 million in funding to support students doing high-impact practices like research, internships and study abroad.

**50+**

50+ Fulbright recipients in the last nine years

Since the Emerging Scholars Program was introduced in 2019, the number of students participating in research and creative work at CSB and SJU has increased by

**190%**

in students of color

**120%**

in first-generation students

**287%**

in Pell-eligible students

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Truman Scholars in the last two years

**700**

700 CSB and SJU students engage in research, creative or scholarly work every academic year.

**95%**

95% of Emerging Scholars complete an additional high-impact experience like study abroad, internships or additional research.

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Pickering Fellow in the last two years

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