

# RESEARCH

## INVESTIGATE TOPICS THAT FASCINATE YOU

One of the most distinguishing features of Huron is our dedication to engaging students in research. The following are just some of the ways you can explore your curiosities:

- Hands-on projects woven into your coursework
- 1:1 research mentorship opportunities with the professor of your choice
- Conducting and presenting investigations through our Centre for Undergraduate Research Learning (CURL)
- Independent or collaborative explorations around the world
- Paid research assistant positions with field experts

During his degree, Jiazheng was fortunate to take several courses with Professor Mahdiyeh Entezarkheir whose prioritization of student research empowered him to share his findings during our CURL conference.

“Huron has a highly collaborative environment, so students get exposed to different ways of thinking,” Jiazheng said. “Unlike many other institutions, it’s not only about attendance or memorization here, you are constantly given opportunities to share and defend your work.”

As a globally-published academic, Dr. Entezarkheir is thankful to work at a university whose nimble size makes it possible to foster students’ research capabilities.

“Our students produce something that is so valuable – both in terms of their portfolios and the global scholarly conversation,” she says. “CURL shows them what they learn in class is not just for the sake of getting marks.”



**CURL** aims to transform undergraduate education through experiential learning opportunities that support students in research, academia and their future careers.

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### SOME TOPICS OUR STUDENTS HAVE EXPLORED

HOW DO DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AND STRESS AFFECT WORKING MEMORY?

ECONOMIC OUTCOMES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

THE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES IN CANADA

THE IMPACT OF AGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PREFERENCE ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM USERS

FINDING A HEALTHY BALANCE IN HIP HOP AND HOW KENDRICK LAMAR ACHIEVES IT

EXAMINING THE SUCCESS OF LONG DISTANCE RELATIONSHIPS

### GET PAID TO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO WITH YOUR NEWLY GAINED INSIGHT

**CURL Fellowships:** \$1,500 fellowships are awarded each year to support students’ independent research projects under the mentorship of a CURL faculty associate.

**CURL Travel Bursaries:** \$500 bursaries are awarded each year to enable students to travel to conferences, workshops and other events that foster research and career development.

**CURL Conferences:** Two opportunities to showcase your discoveries: The Fall Exhibition and Spring Conference offer on-campus opportunities for students to present their research in multiple formats.

### IF YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR MARK, DON'T JUST PURSUE THE "RIGHT" ANSWERS: REDEFINE THE QUESTIONS.

Both Jiazheng and Dr. Entezarkheir recognize the value of research for successful graduate school applications. For students who eventually want to apply to graduate school, Dr. Entezarkheir explains, “When the selection committee sees a student is already familiar with how to generate tangible research, that is definitely a bonus.”

On the other side of the application table, Jiazheng shares, “CURL is exceptional at the undergraduate level, and it will be great for my applications to universities across Canada. More than that, once I begin graduate school, I’ll already be ahead of many of my classmates who have not experienced this type of intensive growth experience.”

*The recipient of a \$1,500 Research Fellowship and CURL Fellow, Fernando Naranjo developed a very timely project by analyzing information about the impact of COVID-19 and SARS on supply chains. His research explores damage to world-wide industries caused by these pandemics. Fernando hopes to demonstrate the importance of supply chains for global business, as well as our daily lives, with the aim of informing future studies about mitigating these effects.*

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