Goals

1. Connect underrepresented and non-traditional students with faculty research mentors who provide them with hands-on training in a research lab.

2. Encourage experienced mentors to think about diversity and inclusion in the research setting to improve the student experience.

3. Generate a culture where research is attractive and inclusive to all students.

Undergraduate Research & Mentoring Objectives

- Involve students from non-traditional pathways and historically excluded populations in research as early as their first year at RIT.
- Pair students with a faculty mentor both in and out of the lab.
- Connect students with upper level classmates in their research group who can act as informal peer mentors.
- Engage students in an authentic and relevant research project.
- Build student confidence and pride in their work.
- Enhance student learning with hands-on research experience.

Program Activities

- Students are financially supported to engage in mentored research experiences over the summer.
- Students and faculty participate in professional development and team building opportunities.
- Faculty mentors participate in a discussion workshop series focused on strategies to enhance mentoring and to create a more inclusive research environment.

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