



# Office of Research Overview

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# Strategic Goal

- **Conduct Research of Global Significance**
  - *Focus talent and facilities on research with potential for expanding boundaries of science and technology and addressing the global challenges and opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

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# Office of Research Mission

- **Support strategic development and operational management of the CoE research enterprise**
- **Promote the Discovery Park interdisciplinary philosophy and leverage interdisciplinary hiring**
- **Seek opportunities, networks and seed resources**
- **Support recruiting and appointment of research faculty and postdoctoral researchers**
- **Engage in industrial partnerships**
- **Educate and promote technology commercialization**
- **Involve undergraduate students in research**

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# Major Funded Research Projects

- Department of Transportation NEXTRANS – \$13M
- INSPIRE: Institute of (P-12) Engineering Research and Learning – \$5M
- Joint Transportation Research Program of Purdue University and Indiana Department of Transportation – \$51M since 1999
- Maha/NSF Engineering Research Center on Fluid Power – \$15M
- NSF-funded Network for Computational Nanotechnology (NCN) – \$36M since 2002

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# Major Funded Research Projects (*cont.*)

- NNSA PRISM: Center for Prediction of Reliability, Integrity and Survivability of Microsystems – *\$17M*
- NSF Engineering Research Center on Structured Organic Particulate Systems – *\$15M*
- Rolls Royce University Technology Center in High Mach Propulsion – *\$5M*
- NEES: NSF George E. Brown Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation – *\$105M*
- NSF and DHS-funded VACCINE: Visual Analytics for Command, Control, and Interoperability Environments – *\$15M*

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# Office or Research: Major Responsibilities to the CoE

- **Assist Dean with allocation of research related resources**
  - Administer PRF graduate student fellowships, international faculty travel grants, and summer faculty research grants
  - Provide seed funding for strategic initiatives
  - Participate in infrastructure planning

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# Office of Research: Major Responsibilities to the CoE (*contd.*)

- **Assist Faculty in Developing and Managing Research Grants**
  - Publicize funding opportunities
  - Sponsor and coordinate workshops in areas of strategic need for research (e.g. CAREER awards)
  - Support team development and coordination
  - Assist in large scale proposal development, site visits, team meetings, program reviews
  - Provide cost share to proposals

# Office of Research: Major Responsibilities to the CoE (*contd.*)

- **Liaison activities**

- Office of the Vice President for Research

- Support limited submission competition process (30+ per year)
- Represent CoE at Research Administration Meetings

- Host external entities (companies, labs)

- Assist faculty in networking with external partners

- **Publicize College research activities**

- **Help with IP related issues**

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# Office of Research: Major Responsibilities to the CoE (*contd.*)



- **Manage and Fund Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program**
  - **Mission of SURF:** To provide a hands-on research experience for undergraduate students that will stimulate their interest in advanced education and possibly in a research career.

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***SURF: An intensive 11-week summer research experience for undergraduates***

***Largest undergraduate research program at Purdue***

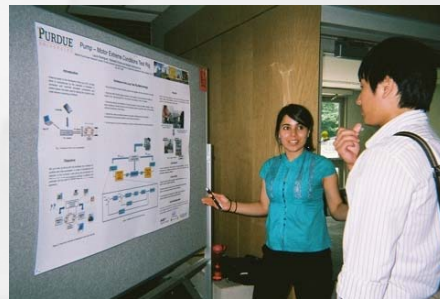
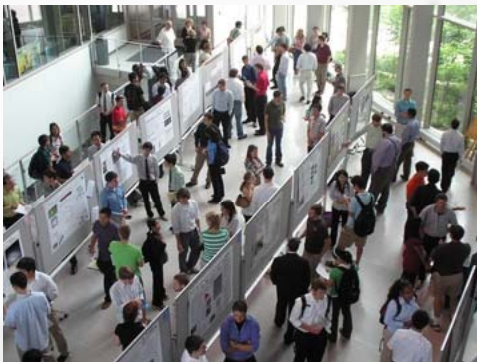
***Program benefits for students:***

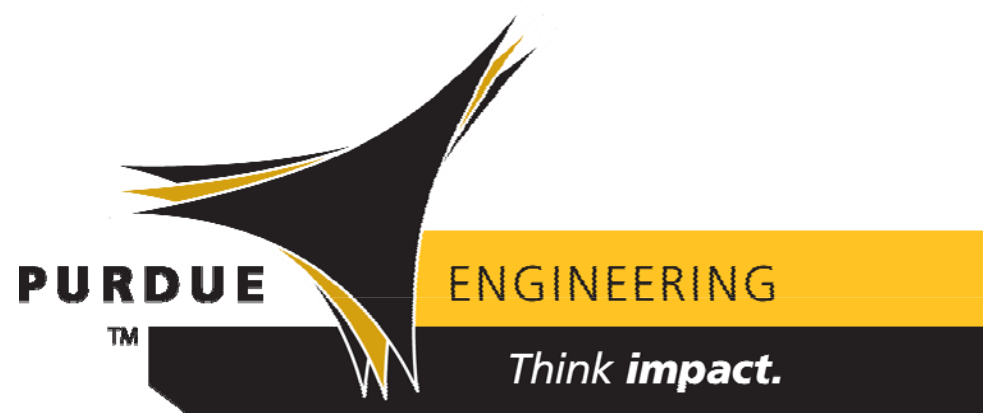
- Receive pay for research activities
- Mentored by a faculty member and a graduate student
- Attend seminars on professional development including graduate school preparation
- Participate in the SURF Research Symposium
- Network and socialize with other researchers



## ***SURF 2010***

- 170 summer participants
  - 20% women, 11% ethnic minority students
  - Average GPA 3.62
- 3 Participating Purdue colleges, 21 schools and departments, 109 professors, 130 graduate mentors





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