

Attracting Underrepresented Students to Research in Linguistics

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William and Mary Scholars Undergraduate Research Experience (WMSURE)

- The William and Mary Scholars Undergraduate Research Experience (WMSURE) was created in 2010 to build a program for nurturing the academic potential of William and Mary Scholars and other high achieving students from diverse backgrounds through workshops and cultural enrichment experiences.
- WMSURE provides resources to students to pursue undergraduate research experiences at William & Mary and to particularly encourage William and Mary Scholars to continue in their research pursuits at the graduate level.
- Dr. Anne Charity Hudley and Dr. Cheryl Dickter lead the WMSURE program and its leadership is further comprised of ten faculty fellows from across the college who were intentionally selected from different disciplines to be faculty fellows.
- Faculty fellows meet regularly to discuss support and design of the WMSURE program and they individually work on designing workshops that they lead for students, faculty, and faculty and students. In addition, faculty fellows play an active role in mentoring students in the program starting with first year advising.

Data about the William and Mary Scholars and WMSURE:

- There are 50 participating faculty with 10 dedicated faculty fellows who directly mentor all incoming William and Mary Scholars through the first and second year advising program.
- Student workshops are held at least every other week. Between 15-40 students attend each student workshop.
- Faculty workshops are held twice a semester. Between 20-40 faculty attend each faculty workshop.

Sustainable Partnerships:

- Faculty and students are supported by NSF funding through the grants of several mentors including grants from the WISE, NOYCE, and REESE programs.
- WMSURE has partnerships with the William and Mary Center for Gifted Education and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Higher Achievement Richmond, and with the School University Research Network (SURN) allowing for State Council for Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) AND NCLB funding.

Immediate Future Plans:

- Sophisticated tracking of students, alumni, and faculty has started this fall in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Virginia College and Career Readiness Initiative and pending with the McNair Scholars Program.
- WMSURE is working to secure grant and foundation funding

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