



This document contains information and resources relevant to undergraduate researchers at KSU. The first section contains video modules created by Dr. Buddie, the Director of Undergraduate Research. The second is a compilation of resources that have been accumulated from many sources.

Section I: Video Modules by Dr. Buddie ([see source](#))

- [Locating Sources](#)
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Section II: Other Helpful Info & Resources

Choosing a Topic

- For help in narrowing your topic and reviewing background literature, here are some [research guides](#) made by the KSU library for every discipline.
- In case you have difficulty in coming up with a topic for your study, here are links to [current](#) and [previous](#) projects conducted by undergrads at KSU.

Help with Developing a Survey

- Contact Mrs. Kelleigh Trepanier, ktrepani@kennesaw.edu with questions on how to develop your survey or for revisions.

Make your Survey Look Great and Promote URC

- This is a [video](#) made by Patrick Kielly on how to make your survey stand out make it known that other students can conduct their own undergraduate research at KSU.

Getting Permission to Conduct Research

- If you are collecting data from human or animal subjects, your study will need to be approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). To do this, you will need to do a few things. You do not need permission from IRB if you are not dealing with humans or animals.
 - First, you and your team members need to request an account through Cayuse IRB [here](#). Make sure every person listed on the IRB application certifies the study (this should be done once the application is completed but right before submission).
 - While you are waiting for your account to be approved, become CITI Certified (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative). Follow the instructions [here](#) to do

so or find the document called “Instruction on becoming CITI certified” in Team-Undergraduate Research Club’s files. This is a course to train researchers to handle participants/subjects and data ethically.

- After your Cayuse IRB account has been approved, submit your study for approval through [here](#), and select Cayuse IRB. For help on how to submit your study, look through this [guide](#) or you can email irb@kennesaw.edu.
 - Here are also some [frequently asked IRB questions](#).

Getting Funding for Your Project

- The Office of Undergraduate Research provides funds towards Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Funds (URCA funding). The funding can be provided in surprising ways. Read about it further [here](#).

Presenting at the Symposium of Student Scholars

- This is a KSU Conference that showcases research that has been done around campus. The conference occurs biannually towards the end of Fall and Spring semesters. You will automatically have an opportunity to present. Just click [here](#) and follow the directions in the “Call for Abstracts” tab. Deadline information can be found in the link as well.

Presenting at NCUR

- This is a national conference that showcases research from around the country. It is held annually towards the end of the spring semester. More information can be found [here](#).

Getting your Research Published

- The [Kennesaw Journal of Undergraduate Research](#) allows you to submit your paper to be reviewed for publication. You can even submit your research after you graduate as long as it was done while you were an undergrad.