

Opportunities for Student Scholarship, Creative Activities and Research (OSCAR)



**OSCAR Scholars Info
Session + Office Hours
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OSCAR

Promotes STUDENT RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY
and CREATIVE ACTIVITIES (RSCA)

Our Website - <https://www.csueastbay.edu/oscar/>



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Creative Activities,
& Research
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OSCAR'S Program



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What is RSCA?

Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities can look different in every field

Examples:

- Working in a research lab
- Collecting or analyzing data
- Conducting interviews or surveys
- Archival or historical research
- Literature reviews
- Developing a creative project or performance
- Design or community-based projects



OSCAR SCHOLARS



- Work with a faculty mentor
- Participate in research, scholarship, or creative activities
- Receive **up to \$1,000 per semester** in scholarship support
- Build research, communication, and professional skills
- Present your work at the spring RSCA Student Showcase

Open to ALL undergraduate & graduate students

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Identify Faculty Mentors

- What topics/problems/questions interest you?
- Think about faculty you've had in class
- Look at faculty bios on department websites
- Look for faculty whose work sounds interesting

Reach out and ask about opportunities

Dear Dr. ____,
My name is ____ and I'm a [year/major] student interested in _____. I read about your work on ____ and would love to learn more about it. I'm interested in getting involved in research/scholarship and potentially participating in the OSCAR Scholars Program. Would you be available for a brief meeting to discuss your work and whether there might be opportunities for a student to get involved?
Thank you,

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She co-directs the Life-Long Activity and Movement for Aphasia (LLAMA) program, a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program merging physical activity



Not Ready for OSCAR?

You can still get involved!

- Attend Level Up Your Research workshops
- Talk with faculty about their work
- Attend department talks/events
- Explore faculty research pages
- Attend the RSCA Student Showcase
- Follow OSCAR for opportunities and events

Level Up Your Research! Workshops Fall 2026

Join us! All are welcome!

Tuesday Workshops are held in CORE 306 & via Zoom from 12:15-1:15 pm
Thursday Workshops are held via Zoom from 7:00-8:00 pm





Overview of Types of Research (Tues: 9/1 & Thurs: 9/3)
Learn more about different types of research like quantitative, qualitative, behavioral, and more



Library Research Resources (Tues: 9/8 & Thurs: 9/10)
Learning more about all the Library resources available for your research such as article databases, data sources, and more



Finding and Using Scholarly Sources (Tues: 9/15 & Thurs: 9/17)
Learn tips and tricks for finding and using scholarly sources for your research



Ethics in Research (Tues: 9/22 & Thurs: 9/24)
Learn more about research ethics, and the IRB Process, CITI Training, and more



Using AI in Research (Tues: 9/29 & Thurs: 10/1)
Learn more about CSU Policy on AI and how to use AI ethically in your research



Reading and Evaluating Scholarly Articles (Tues: 10/6 & Thurs: 10/8)
Learn more tips and strategies for reading and evaluating articles effectively



Strategic Reading: Finding the Relevancy in Research Articles (Tues: 10/13 & Thurs: 10/15)
Find the most relevant parts of articles to include in your research projects



Strategic Reading: Understanding Statistics (Tues: 10/20 & Thurs: 10/22)
Learn how to better understand and evaluate statistics in research articles



Strategic Reading: Organization (Tues: 11/3 & Thurs: 11/5)
Learn about ways to organize your research notes, citations, ideas, and more



Citations and Bibliographies (Tues: 11/10 & Thurs: 11/12)
Ensure your citations are formatted properly and learn to create bibliographies

Workshops presented in collaboration with



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Q&A – Let's Talk!

- We can help you with things like:
- “I have no idea what kind of research I want to do.”
- “How do I find faculty in my major?”
- “I found someone - how do I approach them?”
- “Does this project count for OSCAR?”
- “Am I eligible to participate?”
- “What does the time commitment look like?”
- “How does the scholarship work?”



