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Major programs of the MCUR include Maryland Student Researchers, which permits faculty to list research opportunities open to undergraduates during the academic year, and Maryland Summer Scholars, which provides funding for students to conduct summer research (on campus or elsewhere in the US or abroad as needed) under the mentorship of Maryland faculty members. Students new to research as well as students with previous research experience participate in these programs. MCUR also sponsors Undergraduate Research Day, the university's largest and broadest undergraduate research event, every spring.