

## **Community-Based Research Scholars**

Enhancement Award

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The Community-Based Research Scholars program will provide UCF undergraduates with the opportunity to learn more about both Orlando community organizations and their academic disciplines by engaging in a multi-disciplinary cohort experience that introduces them to the tenets of Community-Based Research (CBR). CBR are collaborative research efforts that focus on being useful to community partners and emphasize action in their methods, with the goal of social change. At UCF, faculty and students use these methods to conduct research on numerous projects, but there is not yet a campus-wide network or program to introduce students to the tenets of effective CBR. The proposed initiative seeks to fill this gap by providing 20 students with a gateway into CBR. This program seeks to include students from a wide variety of disciplines who are new to academic research. There will be a focus on bringing in recent transfer students, as data from the UCF undergraduate database documents that fewer transfers, when compared to first-time-in-college (FTIC) students, are involved in academic research at UCF.