



Vinaya Alapatt

### Student Researcher Spotlight: Vinaya Alapatt, B.S.

Vinaya Alapatt is native to the Augusta area and a recent fall 2019 graduate of Augusta University. Her major in Psychology and minor in Fine Arts shows the diversity of disciplines for undergraduate research opportunities at Augusta University. Vinaya always wanted to do research with CURS and was active in her project for 2 semesters along with being selected as a 2019 CURS Summer Scholar. Vinaya conducted research under Dr. Laurence Miller, Dr. Tad Patton, and Dr. Wendy Turner encompassing 3 different scholarly projects in her undergraduate career. Through the mentorship provided by research faculty, Vinaya has gained confidence, professional development, and networking skills that will take her further into her career and academic goals. A typical research day consisted of creating a plan for the week, summarizing the accomplishments and comparing against anticipated goals for that day. Vinaya dedicated 5-6 hours weekly to her undergraduate research. Her experience in research ranged from pain-related depression in mice to medieval Grecian and Persian traditional herbal treatments. Vinaya is also a very talented artist that has utilized her skill in the research setting. "I carry a sketchbook with me all the time and illustrate the things or ideas that make me curious. I use art as a tool to teach myself new concepts and to journal the work that I do. Illustrating some of the lab moments and sketching the pain model in a step-by-step fashion have helped me to process the research." Since graduation, Vinaya has started painting workshops with local kids in her community as she awaits acceptance letters for graduate programs in Psychology.

### Meet the CURS Ambassadors



(From left to right: Hisham Kashif, Anish Sangari, Katherine McCartney, and Aria Kumar. Not pictured: Nitish Sood)

Presenting the CURS 2019-2020 Ambassadors! You will see these helpful students at our many events and also around campus! If you have any questions about research, feel free to find one of our Ambassadors to help guide you. They have all participated in one or more areas of research and have experience with presenting research as well. Follow us on social media (@aug\_curs) for highlights about each one!

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### Upcoming Events

- February 28**
  - \* Presenting 101: A How-To Workshop on Oral and Poster Presentations @1-2pm; Allgood Hall E-364
- February 28**
  - \* Summer Scholars Program Student Application Due
- March 27**
  - \* Student Research Series @ 1pm; JSAC Coffeehouse
- March 30-31**
  - \* STUDENT RESEARCH WEEK: Graduate Research Day
- April 1**
  - \* STUDENT RESEARCH WEEK: Phi Kappa Phi Student Research and Fine Arts Conference
- April 2**
  - \* STUDENT RESEARCH WEEK: CURS Faculty Mentor Appreciation Event
- April 24**
  - \* Student Research Series @ 1pm; JSAC Coffeehouse

### Student Resources

#### Upcoming Workshop

#### Undergrads: Publish Your Work!

#### The Arsenal is seeking submissions!!!

Augusta University's Undergraduate Research Journal is looking to publish your work. Papers can come from classes, theses, independent studies, research, or scholarly activity. Regardless of your discipline, publication can significantly improve your resume.

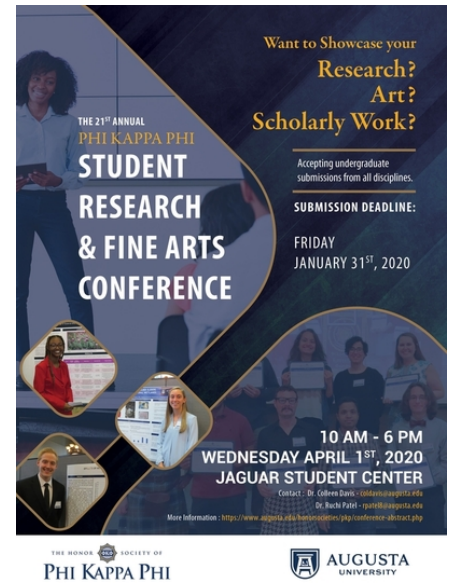
Submissions are accepted all year around on a rolling basis.

[Click here for more information](#)

#### Phi Kappa Phi Student Research and Fine Arts Conference



Free workshop on building your best presentation! Oral presentations and posters will be discussed. Bring your work to get real time help!



**Summer Research Opportunities through NSF**

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Questions about student research? We are here to help! Students may schedule an appointment OR come to drop-in office hours.

**Drop in Hours:**  
Tuesday 9-11am  
Wednesday 2-4pm

**Appointments:** Login to Navigate to find available appointments

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3. Location: Research Suite (CURS) AHE330
4. Service: General Questions
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