HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?
A Keen Intellect, Strong Passion, Curiosity and Motivation to acquire new knowledge?

Then URECA is for You!

URECA undergraduate research programme gives you the opportunity to:
- Develop a deeper understanding of what you are studying
- Acquire the research skills necessary to your field of study and future job
- Challenge your knowledge beyond textbook and classroom, and learn to look at an issue from more than one perspective
- Help you decide if a career in research is for you
- Prepare for postgraduate research studies
- Enhance your prospects of job opportunities with our partner organisations

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From the Ancient Greek comes
Εὐρήκα / Ηὕρηκα - Ηθυρήκα / Hēurēkà
"I FOUND IT"

In NTU, URECA (Undergraduate Research Experience on Campus) is an elite university-wide programme to cultivate a research culture among the most able undergraduates.

URECA undergraduate research programme allows students to immerse in a vibrant research culture and gain invaluable first-hand experience while earning monetary allowances or academic credits. Students will be awarded the coveted title of NTU President Research Scholar (NTU PRS) upon successfully completion of the programme.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

URECA

Full-time NTU undergraduates who satisfy the following criteria:
1. Achieved excellent academic standing;
2. 2nd Year (in a 3-year Bachelor’s degree programme); 2nd or 3rd Year (in a 4-year Bachelor’s degree programme); 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Year (in a 5-year Bachelor’s degree programme);
3. Require a minimum of 2 semesters (semester 1 and semester 2) before graduating.

Students are allowed to take up the URECA programme more than once during their undergraduate degree studies as long as they satisfy the URECA student’s selection criteria.

FYP-URECA

Final Year Project - URECA (FYP-URECA) is a way for students to maintain continuity of their research experience and to prepare themselves for research studies leading to PhD or masters at NTU or elsewhere with scholarships.

Students who have successfully completed one academic year of URECA are eligible to take up FYP-URECA in their final year.

Under this programme, students will continue with their URECA supervising professors as one of the FYP-URECA supervisors. FYP-URECA is not applicable to LKCM students.

HOW DOES URECA WORK?

Student may
- choose any available research project proposed by NTU professor(s) or collaborative project proposed jointly by NTU professor(s) and partner organisations;
- propose a research project in any discipline and search for a supervising professor in any school.

Student arranges to meet the professor to express interest in the research project for supervision. The professor will register the student to a URECA project when there is a mutual interest.

Student is required to confirm the project registration and select his/her compensation (Academic Units** or Stipends**) according to eligibility.

Student undertakes a research project under the supervision of the professor and work with his/her research team over a period of eleven months (August to June).

Notes:
- Collaborative projects are sponsored by the partner research organisations, and jointly supervised by NTU professors and senior research scientist of the respective partner organisations.
- URECA is an Unrestricted Elective (UE), which is part of the General Education Requirement (GER) curriculum. It awards 4 Academic Units (AUs) and these AUs will count towards the total AUs requirement for GER-UE course.
- Students can choose to receive between stipend and AUs depending upon their scholarship/employment status. Students can receive up to a maximum URECA stipend of $400 per month for a period of eleven months.

URECA ALUMNUS EXPERIENCE

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The URECA programme has empowered me with the responsibility and ownership towards conducting my own research. Through URECA, I was involved in several projects related to creativity, where the findings were presented at academic conferences in Beijing (China), Bologna (Italy) and Paris (France). This exposure, with the publication of papers, helped my application for postgraduate programmes.

I am grateful for the experience gained from the URECA programme, which paved the way for me to enrol as a PhD student at the National Institute of Education under the Nanyang President’s Graduate Scholarship. It has sharpened my thinking and grown my love for research, making my transition to the postgraduate level, an easy one.