**What is Explorations?**

*Explorations* is the journal of undergraduate research published by the Office of Undergraduate Education. We welcome manuscript submissions from current UC Davis undergraduates in all disciplines. A hard copy folio of abstracts is produced in Spring and full articles are posted online.

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**Why Publish?**

Publishing is impressive for graduate school applications and is an essential skill for academia. It is also valuable evidence to employers and graduate schools of your ability to write, and to take a project through to a conclusion.

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**How Do I Submit My Paper?**

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