

OUR Newsletter



Office of University
Student Research

January 2025

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS



Welcome Back Wildcats!



We hope you had an awesome winter break and are ready to make this quarter great!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for "How to SOURCE" in February to learn about preparing your project for a professional environment!

Symposium of University Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE) projects are in full swing as we approach the event in May. Make sure to stop by How to SOURCE on February 26th to help you prepare or reach out to the SOURCE team at any time with any questions!

Winter Quarter

Winter Grant Applications

OUR offers various grants to CWU students to perform research, travel to and present at conferences, and more! Learn more about each grant OUR offers at www.cwu.edu/our

Applications Open: January 15, 2025
Deadline: 5pm, January 31, 2025

How to SOURCE

How to SOURCE is an annual event at which previous participants provide guidance on how to enjoy SOURCE, effectively prepare and present your work, as well as learn valuable insights on collaborating with peers and faculty.

February 26, 2025
1-2:30pm | SURC Ballroom

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Contact us!
source@cwu.edu our@cwu.edu

**Questions about
SOURCE?
E-mail us at
source@cwu.edu**

OUR
Website
Here!



SOURCE-Specific Peer Mentors

SOURCE partners with the CWU Learning Commons to provide as many resources as possible to students. This year, we have created a team of peer mentors that are specifically experienced in project development to assist SOURCE participants through various project steps in addition to their general peer mentoring services. Stay tuned for more updates!

What is SOURCE?

The CWU Symposium of University Research and Creative Expression is an annual event that showcases all disciplines of research, scholarship, and creative activities.

SOURCE works to connect students with resources and funding to aid them in their research as well as provide students a forum to present their findings in a professional and juried environment.

Participating in SOURCE

What You Can Present

- Oral presentation
- Research poster
- Creative exhibition
- Group or individual project
- Preliminary findings
- In-progress project
- Panel session

Benefits

- Critical thinking
- Public speaking
- Enrich your resume
- Conference experience
- Networking experience
- Mentorship experience
- Self-confidence



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Upcoming Deadlines

Winter Grants Deadline: January 31, 2025

- OUR Presentation Grants
- OUR Research & Creative Scholarship Grants
- OUR Experiential Research & Immersive Studies in the Arts Grants
- foundry10 Faculty-Student Research Grants
- foundry10 Presentation Grants
- foundry10 Experiential Research & Immersive Studies in the Arts Grants

IMPORTANT – Winter 2025 Updates:

- OUR grants will be awarded only for projects and costs that are incurred in the fiscal year of your application. OUR cannot provide funding for any costs that take place after June 1, 2025.
- As of the Winter 2025 cycle, financial incentives for human research participants are no longer an eligible expense for any OUR/foundry10 grants. These expenses will not be reimbursed by OUR/foundry10 funds.

SOURCE 2025 Events Timeline

How to SOURCE

February 26, 2025
1–2:30pm
SURC Ballroom

30th SOURCE

May 14 & 15, 2025
9am–4pm
SURC

SOURCE Project Registration Open

March 10 –
April 14, 5pm
Online

SOURCE 2025 Award Ceremony

May 20, 2025
5–7:30pm
SURC Ballroom

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Visit our website for more information!
www.cwu.edu/source www.cwu.edu/our

SOURCE &

Symposium Of University Research & Creative Expression

THE LEARNING COMMONS

SOURCE partners with the Learning Commons to support student research and creative activities. The Learning Commons offers a variety of services to CWU students, both online and in-person. Take a look at how each of these services can support you along your SOURCE project process.

Peer Mentors

- Professional networking
 - Connect with potential SOURCE mentors
 - Professional communication coaching
- Accountability
 - SOURCE deadlines
 - Set project progress goals
- Presentation practice
 - Feedback on presentation slides and poster drafts
 - Feedback on presentation delivery
 - Build confidence for public speaking



Writing Center

- Abstract, artist statement, and project explanation or description writing tips
- Feedback on presentation posters or slides
- Writing consultations
- Grant proposal writing
- Writing process resources



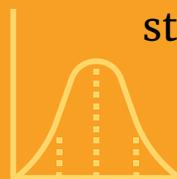
PALs & Subject-Specific Tutors

- All discipline fields are welcome to present their work at SOURCE!
- Assistance on SOURCE project steps
 - Scientific method, understanding resource literature, subject-specific processes, etc.



Math Center

- Choose appropriate statistical tests for dataset
- Quantitative analysis and statistical test resources
- Analyze and interpret data and statistic test results



OUR Friends

Lunar New Year

January 30, 6–8pm
SURC Ballroom

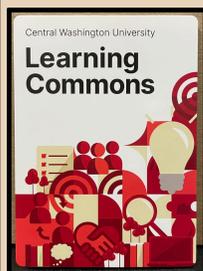
Join us for a celebration of cultures and customs with performances, culturally significant foods, and games!

Tickets: Students (\$5), Community (\$7)

Hosted by CWU Korean Culture Club & Asian Studies

Learning Commons

If you see a “Take One” stand around campus, please help yourself to one of the Learning Commons’ new informational accordion brochures. Learn about the different services they offer for CWU students!



- Peer Mentoring
- Math/Writing Tutoring
- Peer Assisted Learning (PALs)
- Subject Specific Tutoring
- Exploratory Advising

Winter 2025 Hours

Math/Writing

- 10am–9pm, M–Th | 10am–4pm, F
- 4pm–8pm, Sun

Peer Mentoring

- 10am–7pm, M–Th | 10am–4pm, F

Exploratory Advising

- 9am–5pm, M–F

See webpage for Subject Specific & PALs
learningcommons@cwu.edu

See page 7 for Peer Mentor Workshops this quarter!

All About AI: What it is & How to Use it Responsibly

**Wednesday, January 29
3–4:30, Brooks Library**

This panel and workshop will provide a basic introduction to Generative Artificial Intelligence, including what to be aware of and how it might help you in your studies.

Attend both the panel and workshop, or just choose one!

Panel (3–3:45pm), Student Commons

This discussion will feature students, faculty, and library staff.

**Hands-on Workshop (4–4:30pm),
Room 101 (Computer lab)**

Facilitated by Chad Schone of the Multimodal Education Center (MEC), you will learn more about prompts in real time.

Scholarly Cafe 105 Black Hall/DEC

Hosted by CWU El Centro & Latino and Latin American Studies

January 29, 3pm

Join us for “Island Roots, Farrin Dreams: Caribbean Immigrants' Narratives of the Journey. Amplifying the Narratives of Caribbean Immigrants to the United States” presented by Tennenia Dacass, PhD.

February 5, 3pm

Join us for “Labor Rights and Voting Rights in Washington State” presented by Josue Estrada, PhD.

How to SOURCE

Symposium Of University Research & Creative Expression

Learn about how to enjoy SOURCE, effectively prepare and present your work, gain insights on successfully collaborating with peers and faculty, access various CWU resources, and more!

FEBRUARY 26

1:00 – 2:30pm

SURC Ballroom

*Light Refreshments



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Symposium of University Research & Creative Expression
May 14 & 15 (SURC)
Visit www.cwu.edu/source for more information!

Peer Mentor Workshops

JAN
15

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

Notebook Decorating

JAN
22

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

*Study Buddy Adoption
Clinic*

JAN
29

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

*Mindset, Motivation,
and Painting*

FEB
5

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

*Slime Bar Stress
Management*

FEB
12

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

PAentine's Day

FEB
19

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

*Mindset, Motivation
and Painting*

FEB
26

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

*Slime Bar Stress
Management*

MARCH
5

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

Vision Boards

MARCH
12

2PM - 5PM
LIBRARY 152

Crafting Finals Success