The mission of the Office for Undergraduate Research (OUR) is to facilitate and enrich undergraduate research opportunities for all students and academic disciplines at Carolina. By engaging in research, students develop problem-solving skills and self-confidence, learn how discoveries are made, and apply classroom knowledge to solve real-world problems. OUR supports a variety of programs that help students identify research opportunities and develop research skills. The office is located on the third floor of Steele Building and is a division of the Office of Undergraduate Education.

OUR maintains a searchable database of research opportunities and provides professional and peer counseling to aid students as they enter the research community. In addition, OUR offers opportunities for undergraduate students to apply for Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURFs). It funds multiple grants to support undergraduate research and travel awards for students to present their research at professional meetings. OUR also sponsors the Celebration of Undergraduate Research each spring at which nearly 300 students present their results to the campus and community.