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## What does the Research Club do?

- Meetings
- Monthly Presenters
- Fundraising
- Field Trips
- Raffles
- Conference Presentations
- Helps students pair with teacher mentors for research
- Helps students qualify for GLD in the research pathway

## Why should you be a member?

- Exposure to and a better understanding of the research world. Most students on a small, rural, commuter campus do not get opportunities such as this.
- Develop great professor and student relationships.
- Access to the opportunities to conduct research under a teacher mentor, something else most students at smaller campuses do not get the opportunity to do.
- Looks superior on resumes and graduate school applications.
- Get the opportunity to graduate with Graduation with Leadership Distinction through the Research Pathway.
- A great way to be involved in campus life.
- Some teachers provide extra credit.
- It's FUN!!

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## The Research Club's Purpose

- The Research Club is a student organization aimed at increasing the overall student understanding and contribution to undergraduate research here at USCL.
- The Research Club also aims to increase the participation in USC's Graduation with Leadership Distinction program. Participation in this program is not a requirement to be in the club, all students are welcome!

## What is considered an active member?

- In order to participate in Research Club field trips and be eligible for possible funding from the Research Club to go towards poster printing, conference fees, or trips, you must be an active member. A student is considered an active member if he or she attends at least 2 events per semester. These events can include Research Club meetings and guest speakers. Please sign your name on the attendance sheet when you attend each event so we can ensure you are getting the appropriate credit.



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Pictured are previous Research Club students and advisors at a regional conference where USCL students presented their research.

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## Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD) through the Research Pathway

GLD is a distinctive honor given to USC students by the University of South Carolina. Students are recognized at a cording ceremony on the Columbia campus. These students wear the cord during graduation and are verbally recognized as they walk the stage. This is a superior honor that looks amazing on resumes and applications.

To earn GLD in research students must:

1. Have minimum 3.0 GPA
2. Participate in research for 1-2 semesters
3. Participate in 2-3 enhancement experiences (such as a guest speaker)
4. Have 3-6 credit hours of the appropriate courses (listed on the webpage)
5. Present research
6. Create an E-Portfolio online

All the information and details about GLD can be found on USC Columbia Connect's webpage



## Research Club Member Testimonies

**Molly Melton, Junior, BSN program, GLD graduate, 2 year member-** “Being a freshman at USCL I had no friends, no professor relationships, I did not want to be on this campus. The Research Club has given me a close group of friends, a great support group, great professor relationships that I will have for life, and I feel so connected this campus. I love being a part of USCL.”

**Jesse Adams, Junior, BSN program, GLD graduate, 2 year member-** “My undergraduate research experience has been ‘inspiring.’ Being a part of the Research Club and being involved in research has gave me the opportunity to get outside of the boundary that I set for myself, the comfort zone I had, it made me get actively engaged working with professors and other nursing students and it just really helped me reach my personal goals I had. It helped me become more comfortable working with other people.”

**De’Aaricka Wilkes, Junior, BSN program, GLD graduate 2 year member-** “ Participating in undergraduate research has helped me learn to be more concise in the work I do and has prepared me to be more successful in my undergraduate career as well as future endeavors of graduate school.”



## Monthly Presenters

Sometimes when people hear the word “research,” they immediately think of science. Research or scholarly work occurs in all disciplines including Dance, Literature, History, Art, Library Science, etc. This is why the Research Club plans a semester guest speaker list. We invite speakers engaged with research in a variety of different fields. We want to expose students to a wide range of scholarly work in different disciplines. Presentations are typically held from 12:15-1pm during USCL’s “common hour” and all students and faculty are welcome.

Sometimes we connect the presentations with follow up field trips. For example, last year we had a professor speak about her research in dance. The Research Club was fortunate enough to take a field trip to watch the professor’s students present her research in a dance performance.

