



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #28

Improving Research Matching for Students and Professors

ABSTRACT: Resolution recommending the Cornell administration implements a program to fix the research matching process.

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Whereas, Cornell University prides itself on being a world-renowned research university that encourages undergraduate research;

Whereas, it is difficult for many undergraduates to find research opportunities and will often not do research because of the challenge of finding opportunities;

Whereas, Cornell does not currently have an organized resource for students to find research opportunities and for professors to advertise research opportunities;

Whereas, undergraduate research plays a vital role in the education of undergraduate students;

Whereas, Cornell students could benefit from a streamlined research opportunity finding process;

Be it therefore resolved, the SA recommend the Cornell administration implement a university wide program to increase the transparency for research opportunities and encourage undergraduate research campus wide;

Be it finally resolved, that the University consider ResearchConnection or other vendors as a potential option to address this problem, as it matches students with research opportunities, encourages students to become more involved in research and to develop relationships with professors, and saves professors and students time with its skill-matching features by pairing professors who are looking for certain skillsets with students who can provide such expertise at a cost of \$5,000/year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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