



Research Club Experiences

SEPA Conference 2019,
Jacksonville, FL



Discover USC 2019,
Columbia, SC



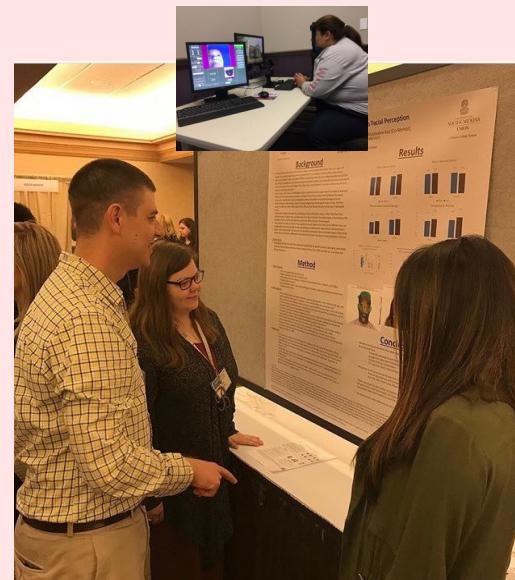
SEPA Conference 2018,
Charleston, SC



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"Being a part of the USC Union Research Club has provided me with more connections among my peers and the faculty involved. It has also provided me with a deeper understanding of the research process. When I first heard the term 'research,' I thought that could only be about Psychology. However, after joining the club I realized research is a component in nearly all disciplines. The club also helped fund my conference travel expenses to Discover USC in Columbia and SEPA in Jacksonville, Florida to present my work with Dr. Lowell, Dr. Aziz, and Dr. Pisano. I am working on completing my own research project and I have assisted Dr. Rinehart on one of her research projects."

- Bryana Vaughan, *Research Club President, 2018-2019*



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Research Club



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Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Randy Lowell

Student Officers for 2021-2022:

President: Travis Wendel

Vice President: Blaine Newton

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Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD)

GLD is a distinctive honor given to USC students. Students are recognized at a cord ceremony on the Columbia campus. Students wear these cords at graduation and are recognized as they walk across the stage. You can obtain a GLD on both the associates level and the bachelors level.

To earn a GLD students must:

1. Have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA
2. Participate in beyond-the-classroom experiences
3. Participate in 2-3 enhancements activities
4. Have 3-6 hours of the appropriate courses (listed on website)
5. Present at Discover USC
6. Create an E-portfolio

Further information can be found on USC Columbia Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning webpage.

[Graduation with Leadership Distinction - Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning | University of South Carolina \(sc.edu\)](https://cile.sc.edu/graduation-with-leadership-distinction)

What does the Research Club do?

- Monthly/bi-monthly meetings
- Presentations from community and from campus (students and faculty)
- Fundraising events
- Field trips
- Conference Presentations (travel grants available)
- Helps students pair with faculty mentors for research
- Facilitates students' efforts toward GLD in the research or diversity and social advocacy pathways

Why should you be a member?

- Exposure to the research process, to which smaller campuses do not typically have access.
- Improvement of student and professor relationships.
- Ability to work one on one with professors on research projects.
- Ability to be involved with the campus and community.
- Good additions to resumes and graduate school applications.
- Opportunity to graduate with a GLD in the research or diversity and social advocacy pathway.

The Research Club's Purpose

The USC Union Research Club encourages participation in beyond-the-classroom experiences in research. This includes facilitating connections between faculty in need of student research assistants and students in search of faculty mentors. This also includes helping students articulate what they have learned and connecting their inside- and outside-the-classroom experiences via presentation of their work across a variety of dissemination platforms. Through these endeavors, we aim to cultivate an atmosphere of intellectual curiosity on the USC Union campus among students, faculty, and staff, which will nurture a more general love of learning. The activities of this organization will also create networking opportunities for its members through which they may encounter new means of collaboration and advancement in their professional

