

Center for Research and Fellowships

The Center for Research and Fellowships (CRF) is a results-oriented team of professionals that supports Villanovans—at all levels and from diverse backgrounds—to enhance their career trajectories through mentoring, student research funding, and assistance in winning competitive awards. CRF provides the opportunity to engage in undergraduate research as well as comprehensive advising for students who pursue prestigious national scholarship and fellowship opportunities. The team at the Center mentors students in all aspects of professional development, and this mentoring can begin as early as a student's first year.

Applications assisted by the CRF team include the Truman, Goldwater, Udall, Fulbright, Knight-Hennessy, Marshall, and Rhodes Scholarships, the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, the DAAD-RISE international research internships, and National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates, among others. Established in 2001, we have connected hundreds of Villanova students and alumni to programs of research and scholarship around the world.

CRF provides financial support for student research through the Villanova Match Research Program for First-Year Undergraduates and the Villanova Undergraduate Research Fellows Program, as well as short-term research, conference, and travel grants. In recent years, over 250 Villanova undergraduates have received CRF funding for research that they have published in peer-reviewed scholarly journals and presented at national and international conferences.

The Center is also proud to manage all aspects of the Presidential Scholars Program, including the nomination, application, and selection processes as well as mentoring Presidential Scholars throughout their time at Villanova—and beyond.

CRF is located in Garey Hall.