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Undergraduate Research: Faculty Roles and Best Practices

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The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) at the University of Michigan was originally developed to increase the retention and improve the academic performance of underrepresented minority. UROP uses a variety of strategies to ensure the academic success and retention of its students and has been shown to positively affect both student retention and academic performance for students. Faculty are a cornerstone of successful undergraduate research initiatives. This session will (a) highlight the role faculty in undergraduate research; (b) present specific recruitment strategies; (c) address pre-tenure engagement in undergraduate research; and (d) discuss how to engage faculty in strategic planning and the assessment and evaluation of undergraduate research programs.