Northeastern University’s thriving culture of scholarly and creative innovation provides students with many opportunities to create and disseminate new knowledge, practices, and solutions to pressing global challenges. Research and creative endeavors are key components of Northeastern’s experiential learning model. Experiences can range from laboratory bench work to the analysis of big data to archival research to collaborative theatre productions. This work can take place in a variety of contexts and formats, including the following:

- Research courses, which generally fulfill major elective requirements
- Research labs or centers
- Research-based co-ops or internships
- Community-based research
- Research-based activity as the option for work-study work
- Research as a volunteer activity
- Junior/senior honors research projects

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, along with other offices and programs on campus, support students through workshops, mentoring, and consultation on applications for prestigious scholarships and fellowships, funding through the university-wide Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavor Program, and much more. Northeastern undergraduates are an important part of Northeastern’s research culture, and they frequently present their findings at national and international conferences, in scholarly journals, and at the university’s annual Research, Innovation, and Scholarship Expo.