

Why are NCAUR researchers involved in the Student Researcher Day?

- “The experience of working in the labs makes science outside of academia become attainable, and we, NCAUR, become lot less mysterious. I grew up in the Peoria area, and not until I worked here did I realize what all went on here.”
- “It’s great to share that there is more to science than just general biology, chemistry, medicine and engineering.”
- “I wish there had been a program like this when I was in school.”

What did students who attended the first session think of their day?

- “The best part was having a lab experience in a real lab with real and friendly researchers.”
- “Thank you for giving me this opportunity to really think about what I want to do in the science industry.”
- “This was a great experience that has helped me make choices for my future.”
- “I am so glad I had this opportunity given to me. I feel like it has unlocked many possibilities. I could tell [the scientist] really enjoyed [the work].”
- “This was a great opportunity to discover more about a future career in science.”
- “I really enjoyed hearing scientists giving reasons as to why they chose this profession.”

How did teachers respond to the first Student Researcher Day?

- “What made it great was all of the things they actually got to do, rather than watching someone else do.”
- “Both of my students came back very enthusiastic, telling their class about all the things they did. I showed the Channel 25 news clip to each of my other classes, and each time heard students saying such things as "I'd like to do that!"
- “Interaction with and hands-on activity guided by real scientists was the most positive thing.”