

# Undergraduate Research Opportunities in Geography

*A great opportunity for intellectual & career development and to establish yourself in a learning community!*

Geography majors regularly work with faculty on research projects, including library work, interviews, data analysis, literature searches, etc. The key is to match your research interests with those of our faculty, becoming an active shaper of your research experience

***To prepare for a genuine research experience, we recommend:***

- ❖ take Geog 315, Explanation & Understanding In Geography (usually offered Aut and Spr quarters), and at least two Geog courses in your field of interest
- ❖ identify your research interests. Resources for doing this include our keyword-driven curricular guides, at

<http://depts.washington.edu/geog/Compass%20IV.pdf>

<http://depts.washington.edu/geog/keywords%20V.htm>

- ❖ match your research interests to the research themes of our faculty, found at:

[http://depts.washington.edu/geog/people\\_faculty.html](http://depts.washington.edu/geog/people_faculty.html)

- ❖ contact the appropriate faculty member, explain your background and set of interests, and offer your services. The faculty especially encourage this thorough approach to the undertaking of academic research, and are eager to work with you. Credit arrangements (usually through Geog 499, Independent Study) are possible.
- ❖ Consider presenting your research at annual undergraduate research symposia, offered both through the UW Undergraduate Research Program (<http://www.washington.edu/research/urp/index.html>), and each June by the Geography Dept.
- ❖ Talk with Geography advisers in Smith 415 A & B to help identify your emerging academic interests and the appropriate faculty members for you to seek out.