

Our Campus

- ☒ Smallest of the comprehensive universities
- ☒ 2600 undergraduates
- ☒ Faculty:student ratio of 1:14
- ☒ Largest number of Pell grant students in the UW-system
- ☒ 4 campus research institutions tied to the University provide unique URSCA opportunities



Challenges and Opportunities

- ☒ Building URSCA into general education courses and early into majors, as opposed to just in capstone courses
- ☒ Developing a cohesive approach and building campus-wide engagement
- ☒ Developing a more inclusive definition and practice of URSCA
- ☒ Utilizing experienced mentors to coach developing mentors



Successes

- ☒ We’re growing!
- ☒ Growth Agenda for Wisconsin grant will support program development for the next 2 years
- ☒ URSCA Director and Assistant hired
- ☒ Our URSCA Center is open for business
- ☒ Increased student participation in Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships and Day of Celebration
- ☒ Enthusiastic response to campus wide faculty/staff development workshop, ***Celebrating Scholarship and Exploring URSCA***

Creative Solutions Needed

- ☒ Assessment approaches and methods for URSCA activities
- ☒ Ways to recognize and support mentors
- ☒ Developing a system to match students with research opportunities
- ☒ Meeting funding needs for student research expenses and travel requests



Current Activities

- ☒ Developing program grants to increase integration of URSCA into curriculum
- ☒ Continued focus on faculty and staff development
- ☒ Developing resources to support mentors
- ☒ Student workshops to develop basic skills
- ☒ Expanding our Day of Celebration beyond poster presentations



Updated Action Plan

- ☒ Revisit mission
- ☒ Use results of faculty/staff and department surveys to design programs
- ☒ Build connections with other High Impact Practices
- ☒ Develop an assessment plan for URSCA activities on campus, both collectively and programmatically
- ☒ Improve communications about our work
- ☒ Showcase our successes
- ☒ Build relationships with community partners
- ☒ Learn about and implement best practices
- ☒ Develop a plan for sustainable, long term funding