The Penn IUR Undergraduate Urban Research Colloquium (UURC) facilitates faculty-mentored, undergraduate urban-focused research. The program includes support for a joint faculty-student research project and a semester-long, credit-bearing seminar. The UURC invites the participation of faculty from across the 12 schools to undertake research on a wide range of urban issues. Students from each of the University’s undergraduate schools (Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Applied Science, Nursing and Wharton) are eligible to participate. The program will sponsor up to 10 projects. Grant funds up to $2,000 per research team will be provided for faculty to support new and/or existing research efforts.

Projects have ranged from ethnographic studies of Philadelphia night life (anthropology) to identifying barriers to walking in disadvantaged neighborhoods (nursing and public health) to analyzing urban mass transit (engineering). UURC has yielded publications in refereed journals, leveraged other research funding and prepared undergraduates to pursue original research as an extension of the UURC project or in other areas.

A sample of faculty members who have partnered with UURC participants include:

**Anthropology**
Philippe Bourgois
Brian Spooner

**Architecture**
Jennifer Lesing
Richard Wesley

**Asian American Studies**
Farha Khan

**Biostatistics and Epidemiology**
Andrea B. Troxel

**City and Regional Planning**
Jonathan Barnett
Eugenie Birch
Ira Harkavy
Amy Hillier
Mark Allen Hughes
Lynee Segal
Domenic Vilello
Rachel Weinberger

**Earth and Environmental Science**
Richard Pepino

**Education**
Kathleen Hall
Michael Johanek
Rebecca Maynard
John Puckett
Kathy Schultz
Diana Slaughter-Defoe
Matthew Steinberg

**Electrical Systems and Engineering**
Vukan Vuchic

**Family Medicine and Community Health**
Carolyn C. Cannuscio

**Fels**
John Kroermer
Thomas McKenna

**History**
Michael Katz
Eric Schneider
Thomas Sugrue

**Music**
Naomi Waltham-Smith

**Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations**
Heather Stanley

**Nursing**
Bridgette Brawner
Christopher Coleman
Roberta Cricco-Lizza
Linda A. McCauley
Matthew McHugh
Diane Spatz
Eileen Sullivan-Marx
Anne Teitelman
Stella Volpe
Barbara Mann Wall

**Political Science**
Mary Summers

**Real Estate**
Fernando Ferreira
Albert Saz

**Social Policy and Practice**
Ram Casman
Dennis Culhane

**Sociology**
David Grazian

**Urban Studies**
Ariel Ben-Amos
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Felipe Gorostiza
Andy Lamas
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Anthropology (SAS)
An Evaluation of the Feasibility of Replicating Different Models of Assisted Community Schools: Clarifying and Building on Existing Definitions of Globalization: Processes of Qualitative Social Change in Different Parts of the World
Ethnographic Exploration of Challenges to Accessing and Adhering to HIV Services Among Latinos in North Philadelphia
Ethnography of the Harm Reduction Potential in North Philadelphia: Shooting Galleries
Examining the Civic Engagement of Muslims in Philadelphia
Gender in Global Community Gardens
Hopeless in Philadelphia: A City in Need
Income Generating Strategies of Three Social Networks of Puerto Rican Youth
Proposal for Reproductive Health Research Project in India
Water-related Urban Issues

Architecture (Penn Design)
Baghdad Year Zero
Green Architecture and Urban Sustainability

Asian American Studies (SAS)
African American Muslims: An Exploration of Identity in Philadelphia
Asian American Communities in Philadelphia: Development and Contemporary Issues

Biostatistics & Epidemiology (Penn Medicine)
Implementing a Conflict Resolution Program Involving Storytelling at Charles R. Drew Elementary School

City and Regional Planning (Penn Design)
Anchor Institutions: An Analysis
A Philadelphia Multi-permit Program for Ecosystem Services
Bernice Eliza Homes, A Case Study in Sustainable Urban Development
Civil Society and Economic Integration in Puerto Rican and Mexican Philadelphia
Community and Economic Development Among Mexican Immigrants
Community Development in Arab and Muslim Philadelphia
Dadeok Innopolis in Korea and the Philadelphia Innovation District Initiatives
Governance of Urban Water in Pakistan

Immigrant Community Issues in Harrisburg, PA
Measuring Walkability in Urban Environments
Planning Transit Oriented Development in Northern Virginia
Social Movements and Community Development in Latino Philadelphia
Surveying Smart Cities Initiatives
The Impact of Preservation Upon Value and the Urban Landscape
The Rise of Car Share Projects in U.S. Cities

The Role of Urban University Undergraduate Student Organizations-Community Relations
Update Research in ‘Is Shorter Better? An Analysis of Gender, Race, and Industrial Segregation in San Francisco Bay Area Commuting Patterns,’ Using 2000 PUMS Data

Earth and Environmental Science (SAS)
Heavy Metal Contaminants in Urban Community Gardens

Education (GSE)
Developing an Assessment of College Access Programs in Philadelphia
Evaluating the Feasibility of Developing Philadelphia Freedom Schools

History of the University of Pennsylvania’s Expansion in West Philadelphia
School Reform and Head Start at Norris Square Civic Association
The Experiences of New “Teach for America” Teachers: Changing Career Goals as Connected to Experiences in Philadelphia Classrooms

The New Educational Accountability Understanding the Logic and Landscape of Teacher Evaluation in the Post-NCLB Era

Fels Institute of Government (SAS)
Examining Youth Advocacy Groups and Political Activity Among Philadelphia Youth
Tax Depletion Properties in Philadelphia: An Analysis

History (SAS)
American Necropolis: Homocide in the American City Creating an Online GIS Version of The Philadelphia Negro, the Classic Work of Sociology Written by W.E.B. DuBois in 1898 Based on His Survey of Philadelphia’s Old 7th Ward Immigration and Urban Revitalization
The History of Homicide and Homocide as History
The Philadelphia Civil Rights Documentation Project


Art Based Learning for Youth Life Skills Development
A Systematic Analysis of the Causes and Health Consequences of Inadequate Waste Management
Homeowners in Default or Foreclosure: Health Implications of Financial Strain

Nursing (Penn Nursing)
Assessing the Effect of “Girls on the Go” Program on the Fitness of 3rd–5th Grade Girls
Barriers to Walking or bicycling for Low-income African-Americans in West Philadelphia
Development of an Urban Registry for Sexual Assault Cases
Examining the Effects of HAAART on Health-related Quality of Life Among HIV Sero-positive African-Americans
Examining the Health Promotion Activities of Older Adults in Urban Philadelphia
Mother’s Beliefs and Experiences: Breastfeeding in Public Urban Areas
Spatial Analysis of HIV/AIDS Prevalence and Treatment in Philadelphia
Understanding Teen Partner Violence and Pathways to Safety

Political Science (SAS)
How the Anonymity of Urban Nightlife Affects Young Persons the Opportunity to Experiment with Adult Roles and Urban Lifestyles

Urban Studies (SAS)
Assessing the Potential for TOD in Philadelphia
Electricity Literacy and the PJM Widget at Penn
Exploring Dynamics of Murder in Philadelphia
Exploring Educational Urban Agriculture in West Philadelphia
Identifying Key Causal Factors in County/State
Food Stamp Enrollment Rates

Lea School Lunch and Recess Initiative

Leadership Among Community Development Finance Institutions
Special Urban Districts and Energy Efficiency Movements
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits Access in Philadelphia
Sustainable Block Program in Philadelphia
The Impact of the Franklin Institute on Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia
The Role of Community Development Corporations in West Philadelphia
Understanding Informal Real Estate Markets in Mumbai and Urban Agriculture in Philadelphia and Chicago
Urban Planning, Modernization and Economic Development in Post-Colonial States/Developing Countries