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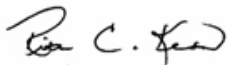
Welcome to the UCARE Program! We hope that this is an exciting year of discovery for you as you embark on the "road to research" and gain hands-on skills from your faculty sponsor.

Enclosed in this UCARE folder you will find the UCARE Student Handbook, which tells you in more detail how the program works. Please pay particular attention to your responsibilities to your faculty sponsor and to the departmental staff member that handles your payroll time sheets.

In addition to the Student Handbook you will find some information sheets about various national competitive scholarships. Whatever your discipline or interest, your participation in the UCARE Program puts you in a prime position to consider some of these wonderful future opportunities. Most of these scholarships are for graduate study. Your research experience could lead you to study abroad on a Fulbright Scholarship in one of 140 different countries. By enriching your undergraduate education with research, you may be in a position to apply for the prestigious Rhodes scholarship, and spend two years studying at Oxford University in any field of study. You can also hold some scholarships while still at UNL, for example if you are conducting research in the sciences, math or engineering, you could apply for the Goldwater scholarship. To look over many more opportunities than those in your packet, you may go to the Office of Undergraduate Studies fellowships website: <http://www.unl.edu/fellowships>.

We wish you all the best this year as you join our community of researchers here at the university. We look forward to working with you and hope that these experiences will lead you toward future success.

Sincerely,



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