NJIT 2020 Vision strategic plan emphasizes providing undergraduate students an outstanding education with opportunities to have research and innovation experience as part of their NJIT learning enabling them to succeed and assume leadership roles in our society.

The Undergraduate Research and Innovation (URI) program has evolved as a significant part of the education and research experience at NJIT. With the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program under the leadership of Program Director, Dr. Angelo Perna, several undergraduate research programs have been developed and made available to students over the past years. These programs include Provost Summer Research Fellowships, Newark Innovation Acceleration Challenge and TechQuest Innovation competition, and other NSF funded Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) Centers. The URI website http://centers.njit.edu/uri/ summarizes undergraduate research and innovation opportunities and provides information about resources and competitions.

We are pleased to announce the Undergraduate Research and Innovation Student Grant (URISG) program to provide students an award of $500 per project to pursue research or develop proof-of-concept prototypes. Funds can only be used to order project supplies and prototyping through the Office of Undergraduate Research and Innovation. All projects should be completed by May 15, 2015. Awardee will present their progress reports in URI workshops scheduled in Spring 2015 Semester. Students may also apply their extended proposal to Provost Summer Research Fellowships for summer stipend awards to continue working during the summer 2015.

Deadlines:
- Students working with a faculty member may submit proposals in the following format by March 1, 2015 by email to Ms. Sonia Henderson at sonia.v.henderson@njit.edu. All proposals will be reviewed to select up to 15 finalist proposals for presentation to the External Advisory Board in the URI Workshop to be held on March 10, 2015 in Campus Center Ballroom A from 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM.
- Finalists selected for URI workshop presentation will be announced on March 5, 2015 with information on the format and schedule of ppt presentations to the External Advisory Board.

Expected number of awards: up to 10