

A Posit on Paper: Recognizing Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, & Creative Inquiry as a Career-Readiness Tool

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66 To fully realize the transformat ve impact of URSCI, as faculty, mentors and higher educat on administrators we are called to extend our def nit on of student success, learn how the valuable skills, knowledge and disposit ons that our students gain and hone ... relate to desirable career competencies, and help prepare them for their next steps.

Eight NACE Competencies

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Career & Self-Development

NACE def nes the Career & Self-Development competency as the ability to "[p]roact vely develop oneself and one's career through cont nual personal and professional learning, awareness of one's

Leadership

For NACE, leadership is the ability to "recognize and capitalize on personal and team strengths to achieve organizat onal goals."

Teamwork

NACE def nes teamwork as the ability to "build and maintain collaborat ve relat onships to work ef ect vely toward common goals, while appreciat ng diverse viewpoints and shared responsibilit es."

The more URSCI mentors are comfortable with career readiness competencies, the bet er equipped we will be to surface these competencies, create pract ce opportunit es, and help launch our students into thriving careers.

Professionalism

Professionalism is "knowing work environment dif er greatly, understand and demonstrate ef ect ve work habits, and act in the interest of the larger community and workplace."

Technology

For NACE, developing a competency in technology means the ability to "understand and leverage technologies ethically to enhance ef ciencies, complete tasks, and accomplish goals."

ing Outcomes, Completion, and Quality.

Five High-Impact Practices: Research on Learn-

Broadening Participation in Undergraduate Research: Fostering Excellence and Enhancing the Impact.

High-Impact Educational Practices: What They Are, Who has Access to The0F0008020802080208020B Researc801C0011000B Access