



## **SPIRaL: Student Partners for Information Research and Literacy | Undergraduate Research Program**

Unit: [The Institute for Information Literacy at Purdue](#) (in the Libraries & School of Information Studies)

### **Program Overview:**

SPIRaL trains a team of undergraduate researchers to investigate how information literacy can inform real-world solutions to contemporary information challenges, such as mis/disinformation. For the 2024-2025 academic year, SPIRaL will explore information challenges affecting the field of journalism. SPIRaL researchers will interview student journalists at Purdue and other universities about their perceptions of how information challenges, such as misinformation, affect the field of journalism and in their own journalistic practice. In SPIRaL, students are research partners who make decisions, build relationships with research mentors, and contribute to the success of future SPIRaL researchers.

### **Program Details:**

- Academic-year undergraduate research program (August 19, 2024 - May 3, 2025)
- 6-8 hour time commitment per week with required in-person research group meetings
- Academic credit through enrollment in ILS 235 (2 credits in fall) and ILS 236 (1 credit in spring)
- \$1,000 annual stipend (paid in \$500 installments per semester)
- Guidance from research mentors in the [Institute for Information Literacy at Purdue](#)
- Opportunities to attend talks, workshops, and trainings from other units at Purdue
- Present or publish research findings

### **Required Qualifications:**

- Undergraduate student with an expected graduation date of no sooner than May 2025
- Interest in research and information challenges
- Ability to dedicate 6-8 hours per week of quality time and effort to SPIRaL activities
- Desire to work on a dynamic team and contribute through shared decision-making
- Initiative to complete independent tasks on-time and communicate progress
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- While not a requirement, we find it helpful for students to be in their second or third year in college

### **How to Apply:**

Fill out this [short Qualtrics form](#) **no later than Friday, March 22 at 11:59pm**. You will need a current resume and a 1-page description of your interest in SPIRaL ready to attach to the form. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Fundator ([rfundato@purdue.edu](mailto:rfundato@purdue.edu)).