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The Philip Weltner Library of Oglethorpe University established an undergraduate research fund. The fund in the amount of $5,000 was opened for application in November of 2016. A committee of librarians and faculty were selected by the Provost Dr. Glenn Sharfman to select the winners. The committee nominated to make the awards includes professors and librarians in the areas of humanities, social science, and science. The idea of supporting student research on the undergraduate level is a national HIP (high impact practice). Universities and colleges are encouraging students to develop skills and research related mentorships with faculty as early as the freshman year.

The research fund established by the Philip Weltner Library also funds student enrollment at conferences and logistics associated with research off-campus. The first four winners represent a wide scope of interest that one would expect to find at a liberal arts college. In addition to the research fund, the library also supports student research by maintaining the online Oglethorpe University Journal of Undergraduate Research.