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Murfreesboro
- Davidson College
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- Duke University
Durham
- Elon University
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- Gardner-Webb University
Boiling Springs
- Greensboro College
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- Guilford College
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- High Point University
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- Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte
- Lees-McRae College
Banner Elk
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
Hickory
- Livingstone College
Salisbury
- Louisburg College
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- Mars Hill University
Mars Hill
- Meredith College
Raleigh
- Methodist University
Fayetteville
- Montreat College
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- N.C. Wesleyan College
Rocky Mount
- Pfeiffer University
Misenheimer
- Queens University of Charlotte
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- St. Andrews University
Laurinburg
- Saint Augustine's University
Raleigh
- Salem College
Winston-Salem
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- University of Mount Olive
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- Wake Forest University
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MetLife Sponsoring North Carolina Undergraduate Research Symposium in Support of STEM-Related Fields of Study

Raleigh, NC (November 24, 2014) The 10th Annual State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS) was held on November 22, 2014 at the N.C. State University McKimmon Center. The Symposium is co-hosted by North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) and the University of North Carolina System. SNCURCS represents the only statewide opportunity for undergraduates to present the results of their research.

MetLife Foundation gave \$10,000 through NCICU to sponsor this event because they recognize the need for graduates with STEM-related majors. The NCICU Undergraduate Research Program provides financial support for juniors and seniors to perform undergraduate research in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field of study under the guidance of a faculty advisor. Students apply for funding assistance and are selected by a committee. Geoffrey Lang, vice president and general manager for MetLife Global Technology & Operations' Raleigh site, said, "We believe the implementation of undergraduate research projects, as well as the symposium, will increase students' interest in STEM-related fields of study and professional careers. We are excited about the potential this program holds for increased undergraduate research opportunities for students."

According to Hope Williams, president of NCICU, "The value of undergraduate research is paramount in today's ever-changing world. In order to provide students with the best foundation for their careers after college, we have to present them with opportunities to participate in undergraduate research."

About MetLife Global Technology and Operations (GTO) in the Raleigh Area

In 2015, MetLife's Global Technology and Operations organization will open a best-in-class global technology campus in Cary, N.C. Hundreds of technologists have already been hired in various functions including engineering, development, operations, IT risk & security and business management. MetLife is dedicated to recruiting world-class talent and is actively hiring a diverse, global and highly-skilled workforce. To learn more about GTO, visit <http://www.metlifegto.com/>.

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About NCICU

NCICU is the statewide office for North Carolina's 36 independent, nonprofit institutions of higher education. Formed in 1969, we help develop scholarship support, engage in state and federal policy work, and partner with the state's other education systems. We develop research and information, support staff development, and coordinate collaboration among our institutions. Those institutions generate over \$7 billion a year for the state's economy, plus \$400 million in taxpayer savings. They employ over 65,000 people and together represent the state's second-largest employer.

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