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Letter from the editor-in-chief



The Canadian Journal of Undergraduate Research (CJUR) is pleased to present to you Volume 5 Issue II. Over the years, CJUR's mission has been to provide undergraduate students across Canada with the opportunity to share their research with a public audience and gain experience with academic publishing. Our journal understands the value of engaging in research at the undergraduate level, and we strive to provide an arena for multidisciplinary dialogue and support students in their endeavours of becoming researchers.

As 2020 comes to a close, we reflect on this unique year where we watched history being made in front of our very own eyes. As we transitioned online, we made drastic changes to our everyday

lives. CJUR believes showcasing students' work is as important as ever during this time. This year, CJUR has recruited over 100 graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and professors to continue building a credible reviewer database. We have reached out to student organizations across Canada to collaborate on projects and provide workshops on academic writing and publishing. I commend everyone who has persevered during this time, and applaud the students who have continued their research. We look forward to receiving more submissions and expanding our network in 2021.

This issue includes submissions from the University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, University of Ottawa, and Mount Royal University. Each manuscript has undergone two extensive review stages by graduate students and professors specializing in the respective field of research.

CJUR recognizes and supports diverse disciplines, and encourages the communication of complex perspectives and methods in the natural and life sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. Each manuscript in this issue reflects the efforts undergraduate students put into research, and I hope you join us in celebrating their work.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you enjoy Volume 5 Issue II.

Yours sincerely,

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