

**Goal Statement:**

Expand early and ongoing experiential learning opportunities including undergraduate applied research and entrepreneurship

**Description:**

- Definition of experiential learning:
  - Experiential education refers to a pedagogical philosophy and methodology concerned with learning activities outside of the traditional classroom environment, with objectives which are planned and articulated prior to the experience.
- Promote involvement in professional organizations early in major
- Institutionalize undergraduate research, creative activities, and entrepreneurship across all disciplines.
- Require progressive applied experiences throughout their academic careers at UW-Stout culminating in capstone experience
- Encourage global experiential learning

**Benefits/anticipated outcomes:**

- Increased ratings on NSSE questions re: culminating senior experience
- Increased number of study abroad participants
- Development of a business incubator for students
- Graduates have a competitive advantage in the global economy
- Increased number and dollar amount of grants and contracts