

# INTRODUCTION TO VOLUME I, ISSUE II

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Rutgers University is a research powerhouse, fueled by the thousands of undergraduates who invest themselves in the research community each year. The Aresty RURJ has been established to showcase the cutting-edge research being conducted at this institution by providing a platform for undergraduate researchers to publish their work. Not only does this journal showcase high-quality undergraduate research, but its undergraduate-led founding and development serves as a testament to the heights that the students at Rutgers are capable of reaching.

The Aresty RURJ has proven to be a valuable learning experience for all those involved. The undergraduate reviewers are provided unique exposure to the reviewer side of the peer review process, which undergraduates seldom have the opportunity to experience. The authors undergo the peer review process, which is modeled after other peer reviewed journals and includes several stages of rigorous reviews.

The pilot year of this journal has fortunately been a success, and we have high hopes for the future. The editorial team of Volume I, Issue II has set a high precedent for subsequent iterations. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Junior Founders, authors, undergraduate reviewers, graduate reviewers, faculty reviewers, copy editors, Chief Copy Editor, Creative Director, Aresty Research Center administrators, Rutgers Libraries team, and faculty advisors—all of whom have contributed significantly to this issue.

We hope that the Aresty RURJ continues to weave itself into the fabric of Rutgers research and acts as a reminder of undergraduate achievement and potential.

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