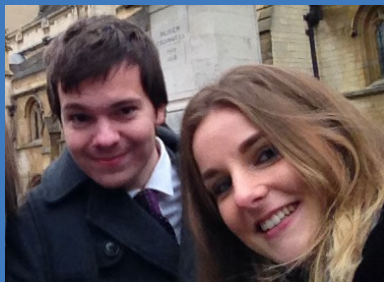


Samantha Ball and Thomas Mitchell (Oxford Brookes University Undergraduate Students)



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TOP: Samantha presents her research on post-colonialism and the role of women in modern India from 1947.
CENTRE: Thomas discusses his research on British Empire Sentimentality in the mid-nineteenth century.
BOTTOM: Samantha and Thomas arrive at the Houses of Parliament.

So you're an undergraduate student who has just completed a research project on a topic you're passionate about, and you've invested a considerable amount of time and effort.

Your research may even benefit society at large.

So how can you get recognition as a researcher and get your work noticed?

Why You Need a Wider Audience:

Every big idea starts somewhere. No matter how trivial your research may seem, it has the potential to have a significant impact on your field. For this, a wider audience is pivotal. You will also reap personal benefits from the interaction you will have with other students and academics. Many will come with a novel approach that will help inform further work, while talking to those who are new to your topic will develop your skills in articulating ideas. By reaching a wider audience you could add valuable material to your CV whilst expanding your current network of potential employers, colleagues and staff from other institutions.

How to Get a Wider Audience:

Get Your Uni Involved!

- Let your institution know about your investigation! They may be able to help you progress and develop it.
- Encourage your friends and others on your course to complete their own research.
- Many universities hold an annual undergraduate research exhibition. They may be able to provide some space for you and your friends to present what you have done.

Attend a National Conference!

- Aim to attend the British Conference of Undergraduate Research! This conference offers students the opportunity to visit other prestigious institutions and enables them to present their research in a number of ways.
- Apply for Posters in Parliament! BCUR also holds an annual event at the hub of British politics, creating opportunities to discuss research with MPs as well as other researchers from around the UK. Not forgetting that other students' research is also readily available for viewing and discussing.

So, as you can see, giving your research the audience it deserves has many benefits! We hope to see you and your research at one of these events soon!