In an effort to offer more undergraduate research experiences for Honors College students across all disciplines and give those students the opportunity to begin their research right away, the University of Arizona Honors College created the First Year Project. Students are able to dip their toes into the world of research by choosing a topic they are truly passionate about and working side-by-side with a top UA faculty member to see that project come to fruition. It all culminates in a final project, paper, artifact, or even a recorded performance to submit in the First Year Project Showcase.

This year, 45 first-year Honors students will present their research findings at the spring showcase on Monday, April 15 from 4-6 p.m. in the Tucson and Catalina Rooms at the Student Union Memorial Center. Winners from each research category will be announced, as well as the overall showcase winner.

The research categories are:

- Analytical Research
- Applied Research/Community Project
- Creative Expression
- Design
- Honors College Common Reading
- Lab/Field Experience

"Students have been very creative in their research interests," said Cheree Meeks, First Year Program Coordinator. "There are no two projects that are alike, which makes it even more exciting to see how students have incorporated their academic or personal interests into their research project."

This event is open to the public and everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Please contact Diana Peel, Events Coordinator of the Honors College for information: dpeel@email.arizona.edu or 520-626-2728.