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1 **IDEA GENERATION**
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- Independent study research project with junior and senior undergraduate students
- Honors thesis research project with senior Schreyer Honors undergraduate students
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