

## NCUR 2020 REGISTRATION WAIVERS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

The At-Large Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research will offer registration stipends to students from community colleges who will be attending and presenting at the 34rd annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) hosted by Montana State University, March 26-28, 2020. The conference is the premier forum showcasing undergraduate student research and innovation.

NCUR, established in 1987, is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study by sponsoring an annual conference for students. Unlike meetings of academic professional organizations, this gathering of young scholars welcomes presenters from all institutions of higher learning and from all corners of the academic curriculum. Through this annual conference, NCUR creates a unique environment for the celebration and promotion of undergraduate student achievement, provides models of exemplary research and scholarship, and helps to improve the state of undergraduate education.

Student presenters and faculty research mentors who attend NCUR 2020 will represent national and international colleges and universities. Students selected through a competitive review process will represent all academic disciplines sharing their research as a scholarly poster, oral presentation, art exhibition, or creative performance. NCUR is an exceptional opportunity for you to engage with the best and brightest students who will attend NCUR 2020.

Attending professional research conferences has a positive impact on the success of all undergraduate students, particularly those who are first-generation students, from low-income backgrounds, or populations who are historically underrepresented in higher education. The cost of attendance at these events is one of the more prohibitive factors keeping students from attending, especially those from non-host institutions, who may incur additional expenses related to travel.

The Registration Waivers for Community College Students was established to assist students with the cost of attendance at NCUR 2020 in order to promote diversity by promoting participation by student presenters and attendees from institutions and states that have not been represented at previous NCUR events.

In order to be considered for a registration waiver, you must be **currently enrolled as a student at a community college** and meet **at least one (1) of the following:**

- First-time attendance at an NCUR conference;
- Member of a traditionally underrepresented population (such as minority class, first-generation student, nontraditional student, low-income, etc.);
- Awards, honors, activities, participation, membership, volunteering, or other involvement that promotes diversity and inclusion.

Preference will be given to applicants who presented at NCUR 2019.

To be considered for this scholarship, please 1) complete the application form, 2) sign the application, and 3) submit all application materials **in pdf form** to [djenks@westga.edu](mailto:djenks@westga.edu) by **January 24, 2020**. An email will be sent back to each applicant verifying the receipt of all applications. Funding decisions will be announced on or before February 12, 2020.

