Council on Undergraduate Research Volunteer Compensation Policy

The CUR Quarterly Editor-in-Chief is provided with a yearly stipend of up to $5000. The amount of the stipend will be negotiated between the Executive Board President and the Editor-in-Chief. The stipend is paid to the institution and the institution will decide how best to use the funds (hiring part-time faculty to provide release time for the Editor, hiring student or secretarial help for the Editor, etc.) The institution is responsible for determining how, if at all, benefits and withholding taxes would be applied to any salaries.

Institute coordinators and facilitators shall be compensated for the services they provide to those attending the Institutes. Coordinators and facilitators should be paid a per diem that is consistent for all coordinators and facilitators. Paying a per diem honorarium recognizes that some institutes last longer than others. The per diem should be within the range of $300-500. Costs for these stipends are built into the institution registration fee.

Local organizers should be compensated between $500 –1000, the amount to be determined in the same manner as the Quarterly Editor-in-Chief. Normally the local organizer will not also serve as a facilitator or institute coordinator. Cost for this stipend is built into the institute registration fee.

Host institutions for the biennial CUR National Conference should be compensated $2000 to offset expenses (including personnel time) associated with organizing the conference. The costs for this stipend are built into the conference registration fee.

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