



# Undergraduate Research Legislation Watch List

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This document shares legislation introduced in the first session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress that is relevant to the work of the Council on Undergraduate Research.

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## Recent Legislative Action

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Short Title</u> <i>(see summary of bill after this table)</i>	<u>Date of Latest Major Action</u>
<a href="#">H.R.2239</a>	To award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to implement innovative strategies at the secondary school level to improve student achievement and prepare at-risk students for postsecondary education and the workforce.	6/4/09
<a href="#">H.R.2579</a>	To authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to local educational agencies to improve college access.	5/21/09
<a href="#">S.1129</a>	A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to local educational agencies to improve college enrollment.	5/21/09
<a href="#">S.1097</a>	A bill to require the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in sustainable energy.	5/20/09
<a href="#">S.1096</a>	A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an EnergyGrant Competitive Education Program to competitively award grants to consortia of institutions of higher education in regions to conduct research, extension, and education programs relating to the energy needs of the region.	5/20/09
<a href="#">S.968</a>	A bill to award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to implement innovative strategies at the secondary school level to improve student achievement and prepare at-risk students for postsecondary education and the workforce.	5/4/09

## Pending Legislation

<a href="#">H.R.1736</a>	To provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.	6/9/09
<a href="#">H.R.1709</a>	To establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes.	6/9/09
<a href="#">H.R.1464</a>	To require Federal agencies to collaborate in the development of freely-available open source educational materials in college-level physics, chemistry, and math, and for other purposes.	5/14/09
<a href="#">H.R.2020</a>	To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.	5/13/09
<a href="#">H.R.1580</a>	To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic device recycling research, development, and demonstration projects, and for other purposes.	4/23/09
<a href="#">H.R.1145</a>	To implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes.	4/23/09
<a href="#">H.R.957</a>	To authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies.	4/23/09
<a href="#">H.R.1775</a>	To provide support to develop career and technical education programs of study and facilities in the areas of renewable energy.	3/30/09
<a href="#">H.R.1715</a>	To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the protection of human subjects in research.	3/25/09
<a href="#">H.R.1492</a>	To establish a pilot program to provide assistance for partnerships supporting applied sciences in renewable energy.	3/12/09
<a href="#">S.583</a>	A bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.	3/12/09
<a href="#">H.R.631</a>	To increase research, development, education, and technology transfer activities related to water use efficiency and conservation technologies and practices at the Environmental Protection Agency.	2/12/09
<a href="#">H.R.554</a>	To authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development, and for other purposes.	2/12/09
<a href="#">H.R.366</a>	To establish the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,	2/4/09

	to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish and maintain an undersea research program, and for other purposes.	
<a href="#">H.R.717</a>	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.	1/27/09
<a href="#">H.R.461</a>	To authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs.	1/13/09
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
<a href="#">H.R.2847</a>	Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.	6/15/09
<a href="#">H.R.1</a>	Making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.	2/17/09
<a href="#">S.Con.Res.13</a>	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014.	4/29/09

## PENDING LEGISLATION

1. [H.R.366](#)  
**Title:** To establish the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish and maintain an undersea research program, and for other purposes.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep Farr, Sam](#) [CA-17] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)  
**Related Bills:** [S.172](#)  
**Latest Major Action:** 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.
2. [H.R.461](#)  
**Title:** To authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep Wu, David](#) [OR-1] (introduced 1/13/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (15)  
**Latest Major Action:** 1/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Research and Science Education.
3. [H.R.554](#)  
**Title:** To authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development, and for other purposes.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep Gordon, Bart](#) [TN-6] (introduced 1/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (21)  
**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
4. [H.R.631](#)  
**Title:** To increase research, development, education, and technology transfer activities related to water use efficiency and conservation technologies and practices at the Environmental Protection Agency.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep Matheson, Jim](#) [UT-2] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)  
**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
5. [H.R.717](#)  
**Title:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep Johnson, Eddie Bernice](#) [TX-30] (introduced 1/27/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)  
**Latest Major Action:** 1/27/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
6. [H.R.957](#)  
**Title:** To authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep McCaul, Michael T.](#) [TX-10] (introduced 2/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)  
**Latest Major Action:** 4/23/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
7. [H.R.1145](#)  
**Title:** To implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep Gordon, Bart](#) [TN-6] (introduced 2/24/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (15)  
**Related Bills:** [H.RES.352](#)  
**Latest Major Action:** 4/23/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.  
**House Reports:** [111-76](#)
8. [H.R.1464](#)  
**Title:** To require Federal agencies to collaborate in the development of freely-available open source educational materials in college-level physics, chemistry, and math, and for other purposes.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep Foster, Bill](#) [IL-14] (introduced 3/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)  
**Latest Major Action:** 5/14/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
9. [H.R.1492](#)  
**Title:** To establish a pilot program to provide assistance for partnerships supporting applied sciences in renewable energy.  
**Sponsor:** [Rep Murphy, Patrick J.](#) [PA-8] (introduced 3/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/12/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

10. [S.583](#)

**Title:** A bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Pryor, Mark L.](#) [AR] (introduced 3/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/12/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

11. [H.R.1580](#)

**Title:** To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic device recycling research, development, and demonstration projects, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Gordon, Bart](#) [TN-6] (introduced 3/18/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (18)

**Latest Major Action:** 4/23/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**House Reports:** [111-75](#)

12. [H.R.1709](#)

**Title:** To establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Gordon, Bart](#) [TN-6] (introduced 3/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

**Latest Major Action:** 6/9/2009 Referred to Senate Committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

13. [H.R.1715](#)

**Title:** To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the protection of human subjects in research.

**Sponsor:** [Rep DeGette, Diana](#) [CO-1] (introduced 3/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

14. [H.R.1736](#)

**Title:** To provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Baird, Brian](#) [WA-3] (introduced 3/26/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

**Latest Major Action:** 6/9/2009 Referred to Senate Committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

15. [H.R.1775](#)

**Title:** To provide support to develop career and technical education programs of study and facilities in the areas of renewable energy.

**Sponsor:** [Rep McNERNEY, Jerry](#) [CA-11] (introduced 3/30/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/30/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

16. [S.968](#)

**Title:** A bill to award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to implement innovative strategies at the secondary school level to improve student achievement and prepare at-risk students for postsecondary education and the workforce.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Reid, Harry](#) [NV] (introduced 5/4/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

**Related Bills:** [H.R.2239](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/4/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

17. [H.R.2020](#)

**Title:** To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Gordon, Bart](#) [TN-6] (introduced 4/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/13/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

18. [S.1096](#)

**Title:** A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an EnergyGrant Competitive Education Program to competitively award grants to consortia of institutions of higher education in regions to conduct research, extension, and education programs relating to the energy needs of the region.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Wyden, Ron](#) [OR] (introduced 5/20/2009) Cosponsors (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

19. [S.1097](#)

**Title:** A bill to require the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in sustainable energy.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Wyden, Ron](#) [OR] (introduced 5/20/2009) Cosponsors (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

20. [S.1129](#)

**Title:** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to local educational agencies to improve college enrollment.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Durbin, Richard](#) [IL] (introduced 5/21/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Related Bills:** [H.R.2579](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/21/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

21. [H.R.2239](#)

**Title:** To award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to implement innovative strategies at the secondary school level to improve student achievement and prepare at-risk students for postsecondary education and the workforce.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Loebbeck, David](#) [IA-2] (introduced 5/4/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

**Related Bills:** [S.968](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 6/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

22. [H.R.2579](#)

**Title:** To authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to local educational agencies to improve college access.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Bishop, Timothy H.](#) [NY-1] (introduced 5/21/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Related Bills:** [S.1129](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/21/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## Appropriations

1. [H.R.1](#)

**Title:** Making supplemental appropriations for job preservation **and** creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency **and** science, assistance to the unemployed, **and** State **and** local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, **and** for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Obey, David R.](#) [WI-7] (introduced 1/26/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (9)

**Related Bills:** [H.RES.88](#), [H.RES.92](#), [H.RES.168](#), [H.R.290](#), [H.R.291](#), [H.R.598](#), [H.R.629](#), [H.R.679](#), [S.336](#), [S.350](#)

**Latest Major Action:** Became Public Law No: 111-5 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

**Latest Conference Report:** [111-16](#) (in Congressional Record [H1307-1516](#))

2. [S.CON.RES.13](#)

**Title:** An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Conrad, Kent](#) [ND] (introduced 3/27/2009) Cosponsors (None)

**Related Bills:** [H.CON.RES.85](#), [H.RES.371](#), [H.J.RES.45](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 4/29/2009 Conference report agreed to in Senate. Status: Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 53 - 43. Record Vote Number: 173.

**Latest Conference Report:** [111-89](#) (in Congressional Record [H4474-4836](#))

**Note:** 2010 budget resolution. Accompanying committee print: [S. Prt. 111-16](#).

3. [H.R.2847](#)

**Title:** Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Mollohan, Alan B.](#) [WV-1] (introduced 6/12/2009) Cosponsors (None)

**Related Bills:** [H.RES.544](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 6/15/2009 Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 544](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 2847](#) with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be read by paragraph. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived.

**House Reports:** [111-149](#)