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**Have Questions on Infusing Undergraduate Research into Campus Culture? Attend Free May 17 Webinar with CUR’s 2016 AURA Awardees**

At a [free webinar](http://example.com), representatives from the 2016 CUR Campus-wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA) awardee institutions will describe the programs, services, infrastructure, and cultures that they have developed to support institution-wide excellence in undergraduate research. “Achieving an Institution-Wide Culture and Practice in Undergraduate Research: Best Practices from AURA 2016 Awardees” will take place from 12:30-1:30 pm ET on May 17 and feature the outstanding research programs from Clemson University, Furman University, and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. AURA was inaugurated in 2015, building on CUR's 2012 publication *Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research* (COEUR). To register for this free webinar, visit the [webinar registration page](http://example.com).
Provide Feedback on Proposed 2018 U.S. Budget

Although we have heard informally from members that President Trump's proposed U.S. budget for the 2018 fiscal year will have an impact on programs of interest to undergraduate research advocates, we are seeking to assess the level and direction of members' concerns through this brief survey. We sincerely appreciate your input.

Participate in CUR's New Online Community

CUR Community is a new online community platform where CUR members can connect, engage and share experiences, disseminate best practices, exchange resources, and build relationships. This new online collaborative tool, designed exclusively for CUR members, combines the instant, active response features of the old email list server with the newer digital-friendly discussion fora. You can start new threads in each discussion group or “community,” or find archived conversations. In real time, daily or weekly digest (notify us if you experience difficulty receiving the digest version). You decide. There are many added bonuses such as the ability to share large files without cluttering your inbox and instant access to your CUR contacts.

CUR Innovation and Collaboration Task Force Seeks Partnership Case Studies

Submit your case studies to the CUR Innovation and Collaboration Task Force describing examples of successful partnerships between academia and the corporate, public sector, or social service community that support opportunities, resources, or success for undergraduates. The task force's goal is to inspire others to engage in innovative and collaborative activities. Peer-reviewed examples are available on the task force website, and partnership case studies may be submitted by April 30, 2017.

CUR Call for Undergraduate Research Highlights, Fall 2017 SPUR: Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research

Submit Undergraduate Research Highlights by May 17, 2017, for the Fall 2017 SPUR: Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research. Undergraduate Research Highlights
briefly describe peer-reviewed research or scholarly work in academic journals, book
and book chapters, Web-based publications, and juried performances that have
occurred within the past six months. They must be in print and must have one or more
undergraduate coauthors.

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**Apply by May 1 for CUR Physics & Astronomy Division Travel Awards**

The CUR Physics & Astronomy Division offers travel awards of up to $500 to help
support students who will present at CUR events or other professional meetings
relevant to the division. Applications for travel awards must include a one-page letter
outlining the nature of the meeting, a brief budget, and an abstract of the paper(s) or
poster(s) to be presented. Applicants’ mentors must be CUR members. All materials
must be submitted to PA Division chair [Terry Oswalt](mailto:terry.oswalt@cur.org) by 5 pm EDT on May 1, 2017.

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**Call for Nominations, GeoCUR Undergraduate Research Mentor Award**

The CUR Geosciences Division is accepting nominations for its annual award that
highlights the importance of mentoring undergraduate research activities. The award
annually recognizes an individual who serves as a role model for productive and
transformative student-faculty mentoring relationships and for maintaining a sustained
and innovative approach to the enterprise of undergraduate research. Application
information, as well as audio interviews with past recipients, can be found online at
[http://geocur.org/awards/faculty-mentors/](http://geocur.org/awards/faculty-mentors/) The application deadline is June 1.
Inquiries and/or nominations may be sent to Erin Kraal ([kraal@kutztown.edu](mailto:kraal@kutztown.edu))..

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**CUR Affiliate Member Seeks Undergrad Submissions to Spectrum Visualization Challenge**

CUR affiliate member [Association of Old Crows](http://www.aoc.org) invites undergraduate submissions to
its Spectrum Visualization Challenge that seeks to visually represent and explain
electronic warfare, which takes place within the electromagnetic spectrum. Prizes
include $5000 and $2500 scholarships. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2017.
[READ MORE](#)
**CUR Event** Proposal Writing Institute – July 13-17, 2017 – Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (application deadline: May 22, 2017)

This four-day institute for both novice and experienced proposal writers will bring together faculty and administrators interested in preparing proposals for submission to external funding agencies. Participants will work one-on-one with a mentor; writing, small-group discussions, and critiquing of proposals also will be part of the institute's activities. To apply, visit the institute webpage.

**CUR Event** Undergraduate Research Programs: Undergraduate Research Collaborations Conference – June 27-29, 2017 – Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff

This 1.5-day conference is aimed at faculty and academic professionals who are interested in the improvement, management, and promotion of undergraduate research and is designed for programs at any stage, including the development phase! Faculty, undergraduate research program directors, and administrators from across the country will be gathering to share ideas, strategies, and best practices about undergraduate research programs. Sponsored by CUR, the conference will be coordinated by the Undergraduate Research Program Directors (URPD) Division. Session topics include the following:

- Assessment
- Diversity in Research
- High-Impact Learning Strategies
- Internationalization
- Undergraduate Research Administration and Budgeting — Nuts and Bolts
- Undergraduate Research Collaborations

To register, visit the Undergraduate Research Collaborations webpage.
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