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**California State University, Long Beach to Host the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in April 2021**

CUR has selected California State University, Long Beach as host of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in April 2021.

Elizabeth L. Ambos, CUR’s executive officer, said: “California State University, Long Beach’s commitment to expansion of diverse undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry endeavors is reflected at every level of the institution. Its partnerships with other higher education institutions further demonstrate its dedication to the inclusion of underrepresented students in research as well as at NCUR itself.”
Stated Jane Close Conoley, president of California State University, Long Beach: “We welcome the National Conference on Undergraduate Research to campus in 2021 as an unparalleled experience for students and as a chance to showcase important scholarly work that affects our state, our nation and the world.”

To maximize participation, NCUR’s host institutions are located in different U.S. regions. In 2018, the University of Central Oklahoma will host the event on April 4–7. In 2019, NCUR will be held at Kennesaw State University (GA) and in 2020 at Montana State University, Bozeman.

Dec 15 Deadline Approaches for Early-Bird Registration and Grants for 2018 CUR Dialogues, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times"

CUR Dialogues 2018, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times," will bring together higher education faculty, staff members, and administrators with federal agency program officers and other grant funders in Arlington, VA, on February 15-17, 2018. Also featured will be networking opportunities, mock panels on NSF IUSE and REU programs, and keynote speakers who are Washington insiders. Held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, CUR Dialogues 2018 will begin at 4 pm on Thursday, February 15, 2018, and will end around noon on Saturday, February 17, 2018. The early-bird registration deadline is December 15, 2017; register here. A limited number of conference grants is available for individuals to attend CUR Dialogues 2018. The application deadline also is December 15, 2017. To apply, visit the conference grants webpage.

Submit Nominations for CUR Officers by Jan 5, 2018

CUR members can nominate themselves or other CUR members for CUR president-elect, treasurer, or general representative to the CUR Executive Board. The nomination deadline is January 5, 2018. READ MORE

Application Deadlines in Early 2018 for Student Travel Grants in CUR Divisions

A few CUR divisions have application deadlines in early 2018 for student travel awards:

- **CUR Biology Division**, application deadline January 12, 2018 (faculty mentors must nominate student candidates)
- **CUR Psychology Division**, application deadline February 15, 2018 (faculty mentors must nominate student candidates)
- **CUR Physics and Astronomy Division**, application deadline March 16, 2018
- **CUR Social Science Division**, applications considered on a first-come, first-served basis
REU Applications Open for Summer 2018

Many application deadlines are in early 2018 for National Science Foundation-funded Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs in summer 2018. Opportunities include the following:

- REU in Computational and Mathematical Modeling of Complex Systems, Santa Fe Institute, application deadline January 4, 2018
- REU in Neuroscience, University of Missouri, application deadline January 15, 2018
- National History Research Experiences, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, application deadline January 24, 2018
- Summer REU, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, application deadline January 30, 2018
- Summer REU, National Radio Astronomy Observatory, application deadline February 1, 2018
- Undergraduate Summer Research in Seismology, IRIS, application deadline February 1, 2018 (also interested in applications from faculty mentors)
- Growing Up STEM: Tracing the Roots of Undergraduate Learning through Discipline-Based Education Research, NDSU, application deadline February 2, 2018
- Summer REU in Animal Behavior, Indiana University, application deadline February 12, 2018
- Summer REU, Restoring Cattle Ranches for Sustainable Land and Water Resources, Tarleton State University, application deadline March 2, 2018
- Undergraduate Trauma Research Training, Syracuse University, application deadline March 14, 2018

ACS Seeks Nominations for Academic Young Investigators Symposium

The American Chemical Society's Division of Organic Chemistry is seeking nominations of nontenured assistant professors for its Academic Young Investigators Symposium that will be held during the Fall 2018 ACS meeting. The nomination deadline is February 2, 2018. READ MORE
National Humanities Alliance Sets 2018 Humanities Advocacy Day

The National Humanities Alliance has opened registration for its Annual Meeting and Humanities Advocacy Day that will take place on March 11-13, 2018. On March 13, Humanities Advocacy Day, participants will meet with congressional representatives or their staffers to discuss federal funding for humanities programs. READ MORE

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**CUR EVENT** Broadening Participation Institute—Mar 23-25, 2018—Bowie State University, Bowie, MD (application deadline: Feb 12, 2018)

CUR’s Broadening Participation Institute seeks to assist faculty and administrators in developing or enhancing their knowledge, skills, and competencies in increasing access, fostering diversity, and creating an inclusive environment for all STEM students. Institutions will send teams of faculty and administrators to the institute, and they will work together to craft an action plan to achieve inclusive excellence on their home campuses. To apply, visit the institute webpage.

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**CUR EVENT** CUR Biennial—July 1-3, 2018—Arlington, VA

The 18th CUR Biennial Conference, “Creating Collaborative Connections in and through Undergraduate Research,” will take place at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA, on July 1–3, 2018. Faculty, administrators, staff, academic and community partners, and policymakers will share interdisciplinary investigations—both individual and collaborative—across local, national, and international contexts, as they showcase models of undergraduate research activities at all types of higher education institutions (learn more about the conference themes). Keynote speakers include the following:

- José Antonio Bowen (president of Goucher College)
- Freeman A. Hrabowski III (president of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County)
- David Lopatto (director of the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, Grinnell College)
- Robin Wright (director of the Division of Undergraduate Education, National Science Foundation)
Opportunities to present may still be available; to submit, visit the CUR Biennial Conference webpage. In addition, the following preconference workshops are scheduled for June 30, 2018:

- **A Research Lab Model for Student Research in Mathematics.** This workshop will demonstrate a model in which multiple students work together on projects over multiple years, allowing for senior students to mentor students just embarking on research. Techniques will be discussed for reformulating single-student research projects as collaborative ones, developing healthy collaborative relationships among students, promoting meaningful contributions by each student, and organizing the logistics of a larger group.

- **Dialogical Opportunities.** Individuals will work within a learning community for several months before the biennial, meet at the biennial to further their discussions, and collaborate to create at least one CUR-related written product.

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