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Fall 2018 SPUR Focuses on Mentoring Models
The fall 2018 issue of Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research has been published, focusing on models of undergraduate research mentoring. Check out the table of contents, sample some articles from the issue, or download the entire issue.

Interested in Hosting the CUR Undergraduate Research Programs Conference and Summer Meetings in 2021? Take the Initial Host Site Survey
If you are interested in having your institution host the CUR Undergraduate Research Programs Conference, Executive Board Meeting, and Annual Business Meeting in 2021, please complete the Initial Host Site Survey by November 16, 2018. In keeping with CUR’s strategic pillar of diversity and inclusion that promotes inclusivity with respect to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, political affiliation, genetic information, or disability, CUR views with great concern any actions or conditions that would negatively affect attendance and inclusivity at a CUR event with respect to the fullest expression of undergraduate research. Barriers to attendance negatively impact CUR’s ability to remain committed to the wide expression of all forms and topics of undergraduate research by all members of the undergraduate research community. CUR event hosts are expected to describe efforts to provide an inclusive and welcoming meeting environment, as well as to disclose any current or pending local or state laws that are not in keeping with CUR’s strategic pillar of diversity and inclusion. Issues of equal access and inclusivity are important factors in selecting host sites for CUR events.

CUR staff will follow up with potential host candidates in early December with additional details on submitting a complete conference bid.

CUR Welcomes New Member
CUR welcomes Marist College to enhanced membership.

Abstract Reviewers Sought for Second World Congress on Undergraduate Research
Interested in serving as a reviewer for World Congress 2019 abstracts? Sign up to review at this webpage.
Abstract Submissions Open until Nov 9 for CUR’s 2019 Posters on the Hill
Abstract submissions may be submitted until November 9 for CUR’s 2019 Posters on the Hill event, in which undergraduates present their research to congressional representatives and staff members. READ MORE.

Call for Abstract Submissions, NCUR 2019
The 2019 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) will be held at Kennesaw State University on April 10–13, 2019. Abstracts are due December 4, 2018. READ MORE.

Nominations Close Nov 5 for CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award
Nominations are due November 5, 2018, for the CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award, which recognizes faculty mentors who conduct their research in a STEM discipline and who have mentored a minimum of three Goldwater Scholars during their career. READ MORE.

CUR Arts and Humanities Division Seeks Nominations, A&H Faculty Mentor Award
Higher education administrators may submit nominations until November 15, 2018, of candidates for the CUR Arts and Humanities Division Faculty Mentor Award, which honors A&H faculty members who have five or more years of experience in teaching and research and demonstrate leadership in mentoring undergraduate researchers. READ MORE.

Learning Spaces Collaboratory Schedules Fall Events
The Learning Spaces Collaboratory has scheduled various events this fall that will explore ways for repurposing spaces so that a welcoming learning environment can be provided for all students and disciplines. These events include roundtables that will be held at Trinity University on November 2-3 and at California State University, Los Angeles on December 14–15, 2018. READ MORE.

AERA Invites Applications, Congressional Fellowship Program
The American Educational Research Association invites applications for its Congressional Fellowship Program, which provides an opportunity for three doctorate-level education researchers to work closely with congressional representatives and their staff members. The application deadline is December 15, 2018. READ MORE.
**CUR WEBINAR** Fostering Excellence in Assessment: New Strategies to Improve Assessment in Undergraduate Research—Oct 24, 2018—1 pm ET

Do you want to conduct rigorous assessment of undergraduate research on your campus? Offered by Heather Haeger (California State University, Monterey Bay), this webinar will present characteristics of excellence in the assessment of undergraduate research and provide strategies for creating or improving your assessment plan. Topics include strategies for excellence in tracking participation, creating comparison groups, finding valid measurements, fostering campus partnerships, and disseminating results. To register, visit this webpage.

**CUR EVENT** Beginning a Research Program in the Natural Sciences Institute—Nov 16–18, 2018—Skidmore College (app deadline: Oct 30, 2018)

This institute gives pretenured faculty members the opportunity to discuss with experienced faculty members how to establish and manage a research program with undergraduates. At the institute, participants will prepare plans for starting and/or advancing their individual research programs on their respective campuses.

**CUR WEBINAR** EvaluateUR: An Innovative Approach to Fostering and Documenting UR Student Outcomes—Nov 15, 2018—Noon ET

Interested in learning more about online, guided evaluation processes for programs that support summer research experiences for undergraduates? If so, the EvaluateUR assessment program may be useful to you. Developed at SUNY Buffalo State College by 2016 CUR Fellow Jill Singer and colleagues, and supported by NSF WIDER grant funding, EvaluateUR is now recruiting additional institutions to participate in an ongoing pilot project. To register, visit this webpage.
SAVE THE DATE! Broadening Participation Institute — Whitworth University—Mar 22-24, 2019

The 2019 CUR Broadening Participation Institute will be hosted by Whitworth University (Spokane, WA) on March 22-24, 2019. The institute is designed for faculty and administrators to develop or enhance their knowledge, skills, and competencies in increasing access, fostering diversity, and creating an inclusive environment for all students in STEM programs. A goal of the institute is for participants to develop an authentic program that supports broadening STEM participation of students from underrepresented groups. READ MORE.

CUR Events and Deadlines
Oct 24, 2018 CUR Webinar: Fostering Excellence in Assessment (1 pm ET)
Oct 28-29, 2018 Research Experiences for Undergraduates Symposium, Alexandria, VA
Oct 30, 2018 Application Deadline, Beginning a Research Program in the Natural Sciences Institute, Skidmore College
Nov 9, 2018 Application Deadline, 2019 Posters on the Hill
Nov 15, 2018 CUR Webinar: EvaluateUR (Noon ET)
Nov 16-18, 2018 Beginning a Research Program in the Natural Sciences Institute, Skidmore College
Dec 4, 2018 Abstract submission deadline, 2019 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw State Univ
Feb 14-17, 2019 CUR Dialogues, “Advancing Future Research: Strategies for Long-Term Sustainability,” Arlington, VA
Mar 22–24, 2019 Broadening Participation Institute, Whitworth Univ
Apr 11-13, 2019 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw State Univ
May 23-25, 2019 Second World Congress on Undergraduate Research, Univ of Oldenburg

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