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**U-Delaware's Iain Crawford Elected as 2018–2019 CUR Executive Board President**

Iain Crawford—Dickens scholar as well as associate professor of English and faculty director of undergraduate research and experiential learning at the University of Delaware—has been elected to serve as president-elect of CUR's executive board. Crawford will succeed 2017–2018 CUR executive board president Anne A. Boettcher (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University) in summer 2018. [READ MORE]
Have Questions on Infusing Undergraduate Research into Campus Culture? Attend Free May 17 Webinar with CUR’s 2016 AURA Awardees

At a free webinar, 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.

See/Listen to Media Interviews, 2017 Posters on the Hill Participants

Two participants in CUR's 2017 Posters on the Hill event were interviewed by the media on April 26. EWTN News Nightly anchor Lauren Ashburn interviewed Mary Grace Donohoe (Stonehill College) about Donohoe's research involving peacebuilding in Nigeria and El Salvador, and Jenette Phillips (University of Maryland, Baltimore County, working with University of Connecticut) discussed her research that tackled bridge corrosion via scanning technology on the WTOP Radio program "Engineering Innovation" (spearheaded by the National Academy of Engineering).

- See Donohoe interview
- Listen to Phillips interview

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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**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, 2017. Inquiries and/or nominations may be sent to Erin Kraal (kraal@kutztown.edu).

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**CUR Welcomes New Member**

CUR welcomes **University of Detroit Mercy** to enhanced membership.

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**CUR Affiliate Member Undergraduate Awards Seeks Entries, Judges**

CUR affiliate member **The Undergraduate Awards**, a nonprofit organization, seeks submissions of research papers by juniors and seniors for its awards program; prizes include a trip to Dublin and publication in **The Undergraduate Journal**. The submission deadline is June 13, 2017; students may apply [here](http://www.theundergraduatejournal.com). The organization also seeks faculty members to serve as judges for the awards; to apply, visit [this webpage](http://www.theundergraduatejournal.com/).
**ASBMB Accepting Applications for Online Course "Art of Science Communication"**

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) is accepting applications for the 6-week online course *The Art of Science Communication*. The course (June 5 – mid-July) provides fundamental training in communicating science to a non-expert audience and is open to ASBMB members and nonmembers.

**CFP, Intl Conference on Models of Engaged Learning and Teaching**

Short papers may be submitted until June 24, 2017, to the International Conference on Models of Engaged Learning and Teaching (I-Melt), which will be held December 11-13, 2017, in Adelaide, South Australia. I-MELT will be a meeting place of minds sharing a common conceptualization that engages students and educators in diverse ways, contexts, and cultural settings.

**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.


This 1.5-day conference will host faculty and academic professionals 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 gather to share ideas, strategies, and best practices.

The registration deadline is May 31, 2017. To register, visit the [meeting webpage](#).

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**CUR Event** Creative Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities Institute—Nov 10-12, 2017—Lincoln University, Lincoln, PA (application deadline: Sept 25, 2017)

This institute will assist campus-based teams in developing transformative opportunities for undergraduate research, scholarship, and creativity (URSC) in the arts and humanities. It will inform participants about current research on learning outcomes for students engaging in URSC. To apply, visit the [institute webpage](#).

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**CUR Event** Initiating and Sustaining Undergraduate Research Programs—Jan 19-21, 2018—University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL (application deadline: Nov 15, 2017)

This institute is designed for campus representatives establishing new undergraduate research programs or centralized undergraduate research offices, expanding undergraduate research opportunities from a single department to a campus-wide program, and/or serving new constituencies (such as community college students, underrepresented students, first- and second-year students, graduate students as mentors, and faculty from disciplines new to undergraduate research such as arts and humanities). Participants will develop a strategic implementation plan through sessions on (1) developing an office (budgets, staffing, and programming); (2) identifying and working with campus partners and collaborators; (3) understanding funding models, including undergraduate research as a Broader Impacts activity; and (4) addressing assessment and evaluation. CUR’s Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research (COEUR) and other materials will be used to help participants perform a self-evaluation, develop a strategic plan, and outline short- and long-term goals after the institute. To apply, visit the [institute webpage](#).
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