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**New Member Benefit:**
**CUR Job and Opportunity Board**

CUR is now offering a Job and Opportunity Board as a community within the online CUR Community. CUR members are automatically subscribed to this community. Any individual from an Institutional or Enhanced Institutional member may post open positions or opportunities. [READ MORE](#)
CUR Biology Division Offers Travel Grants for Students Presenting at Discipline-Related Meetings

The CUR Biology Division is offering a limited number of travel grants of up to $250 each for undergraduate students presenting original, biological research results at a regional or national, discipline-specific meeting during fiscal year 2017-2018. Award recipients are required to acknowledge CUR for support of their travel in their talk or poster, to complete an online survey about their meeting experience, and to submit a PDF file of their poster. Minority students are encouraged to apply. Submission deadlines are September 1, 2017 (for meetings held in mid-Sept 2017 to mid-Feb 2018) and January 12, 2018 (for meetings held in mid-Feb to late June 2018). For further details or to apply, visit the division’s travel awards webpage.

Apply by September 15 for Student Travel Awards, CUR Physics and Astronomy Division

The CUR Physics and 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. Submit all materials to division chair Terry Oswalt. Due dates for applications are September 15, 2017, at 5 pm EDT and March 16, 2018, at 5 pm EDT.

Applications Sought from Potential Hosts for CUR’s 19th Biennial Conference

CUR is soliciting applications from academic institutions, conference sites, and hotel sites to host CUR’s 19th Biennial Conference in June 2020 (the conference includes the CUR executive board and business meetings). The 2018 conference will be held in the Washington, DC, area. CUR's 2016 Biennial Conference at University of South Florida attracted close to 600 attendees, and it is anticipated that the 2020 conference will be similar to 2016 in size and scope, attracting a national audience.

Applications to host CUR 2020 will be reviewed through a two-stage process. The first stage will involve an online application that must be submitted by September 27, 2017. For further details, see the 2020 CUR Biennial Call for Proposals.
Proposals Due August 21 for Summer 2018 Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research: Diversity and Equity

The summer 2018 issue of Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research, "Leveraging Undergraduate Research to Foster Diversity and Achieve Equity," will explore undergraduate research as a strategy to support underrepresented, first-generation, and/or low-income students to excel in college and achieve their longer-term goals. The editors are interested in learning how institutions, departments, and faculty have employed novel approaches to courses, programs, or activities related to undergraduate research that increase the recruitment, retention, and success of traditionally underserved populations. Four to five articles of 2500-4500 words are sought that explore this topic, and shorter vignettes (300 words) are invited that offer succinct descriptions of specific aspects of this work. The deadline for proposals is August 21, 2017. READ MORE

REU Site PIs: Nominate Students by August 31 for CUR's Research Experiences for Undergraduates Symposium

Principal investigators for REU Sites can nominate students to participate in CUR's seventh Research Experiences for Undergraduates Symposium (REUS). The event, which will feature student posters, a graduate school recruitment fair, and professional development workshops for both faculty and students, will be held on October 22-23, 2017, at the Westin Alexandria in Alexandria, Virginia, near the new location of the National Science Foundation. Nominations are due August 31, 2017. For more information on the symposium, visit the REU Symposium webpage.

Undergraduate Research Highlights Due September 1 for Winter 2017 Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research

Submit Undergraduate Research Highlights by September 1, 2017, for the Winter 2017 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.
Register for October 11 CUR Workshop at ISSOTL Annual Conference

On October 11, 2017, CUR will offer the half-day workshop "Incorporating the Mentoring of Undergraduate Research into Your Professional Portfolio" during the annual conference of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL, October 11-14, Calgary, Canada). Panelists will share models and best practices of incorporating undergraduate research (UR) into professional portfolios, including teaching, research, and service. Participants will discuss approaches to scaffolding research skills and experiences into the curriculum, UR as a strategy for advancing a faculty member’s research agenda, best practices for mentoring UR, and strategic partnerships and relationships for incorporating UR into professional experiences. Attendees will develop strategies that can be applied at their home campuses.

For further details about the ISSOTL conference, including the preconference CUR workshop, and registration information, visit the ISSOTL17 conference webpage. The preconference workshop cost is $50. Conference registrants with current ISSOTL membership can register for one half-day, preconference workshop at no additional charge. Early-bird registration rates are available until September 8.

Abstract Submission Opens for "Learning through Inquiry in Higher Education" Conference

The conference "Learning through Inquiry in Higher Education: Current Research and Future Challenges" will be held on March 8-9, 2018, at the Medical Center of the University of Munich. The conference, hosted by the Faculty of Medicine of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, aims to examine and confirm the empirical basis for claims (and arguments) brought forward for learning through inquiry. Speakers include CUR Immediate Past President Susan Larson and CUR Executive Officer Elizabeth Ambos. Abstracts for posters and presentations may be submitted until October 31, 2017. READ MORE

NSF Invites Faculty to Register as 2018 Graduate Research Fellowship Program Panelists

The National Science Foundation invites faculty members to register as potential 2018 Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) panelists. GRFP recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in science or engineering at accredited U.S. institutions. READ MORE
**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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**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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