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CUR Seeks Applications for 2018 Campus-Wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA)

CUR invites applications for its highest institutional honor, the CUR Campus-wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA). CUR's Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research (COEUR) describes the organization’s criteria for excellent undergraduate research programs. This award recognizes higher education institutions that have successfully implemented some of the COEUR criteria, have devised exemplary programs to provide high-quality research experiences to undergraduates, and have assessed the success of these programs. Letters of intent from institutions are due by March 23, 2018. For details, visit the AURA webpage.

How Are You Celebrating Undergraduate Research Week (April 9-13)? Tell Us!

Undergraduate Research Week (URW) will take place on April 9-13, 2018, and CUR will feature a roundup of member activities on its website and provide highlights on its social media platforms during the week. For example, Minnesota State University Moorhead will host its first
annual "Lab Crawl," in which more than a dozen labs on campus will hold open houses, and faculty and student research will be spotlighted. Pondering possible activities? Review last year's events; think about coordinating with other April events such as Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month and Black Women's History Month; and/or consider working with the campus government relations office to have the local mayor or other government official declare the week Undergraduate Research Week (as the University of Findlay accomplished last year).

To submit URW activities, visit CUR's URW 2018 webpage. To ensure inclusion, CUR members are encouraged to follow the instructions and submit items before March 30.

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**CUR Mathematics and Computer Sciences Division Seeks Faculty Mentor Award Nominations**

The CUR Mathematics and Computer Sciences Division seeks nominations for awards recognizing faculty mentoring of undergraduate research (early career, mid-career, and advanced career categories). The nomination deadline is March 31, 2018. READ MORE

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**Application Deadlines Coming Up for Student Travel Grants in CUR Divisions**

Application deadlines are approaching for student travel awards in the following CUR divisions:

- Travel grants for student presenters at NCUR and Posters on the Hill, CUR Arts and Humanities Division, application deadline March 12, 2018
- CUR Physics and Astronomy Division, application deadline March 16, 2018
- CUR Social Sciences Division, applications considered on a first-come, first-served basis

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**Deadlines Approaching for Summer 2018 Undergraduate Opportunities**

Application deadlines are coming up for undergraduate research opportunities in summer 2018. Options include the following:

- REU, "Extremal Graph Theory and Dynamical Systems," RIT; application deadline March 1, 2018
- REU in educational data mining, George Mason University; application deadline March 1, 2018
• **REU**, "Biosphere 2 Earth Systems Research for Environmental Solutions," University of Arizona; application deadline March 1, 2018

• **REU**, "New Frontiers at the Interface of Electromagnetic and Gravitational Wave Astrophysics," RIT; application deadline March 2, 2018

• **REU** in industrial mathematics and statistics, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; application deadline March 30, 2018

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**Missed the CUR Webinar on Diversity and Inclusion? Access the Recording**

Missed the CUR Webinar "Defining Diversity and Inclusion: Models That Augment Undergraduate Research across All Spectrums"? Check out the [webinar recording](#).

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**CUR Welcomes New Member**

CUR welcomes the [University of Wyoming](#)—the first CUR member institution in the state—to Enhanced Membership.

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**Judges across 25 Disciplines Sought by CUR Affiliate Member The Undergraduate Awards**

CUR affiliate member [The Undergraduate Awards](#) invite faculty members to join one of their 25 judging panels for their 2018 judging process. The judges will identify and assess outstanding coursework from top-performing undergraduates around the world, choosing the winning papers for the 2018 UA Program. The process is carried out via a virtual platform, providing access to student work from higher education institutions around the globe and connections to other academics. The four-stage judging process will commence mid-June 2018. The top 10 percent (Highly Commended Entrants) will be identified by mid-August and global winners by early September. For more about the judging process, email [The Undergraduate Awards](#).

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**National Science Foundation Issues Notice on Harassment**

The National Science Foundation has issued [a notice on harassment](#), stating that it "does not tolerate sexual harassment, or any kind of harassment, within the agency, at grantee organizations, field sites, or anywhere NSF-funded science and education are conducted. The 2,000 American colleges, universities and other institutions that receive NSF funds are responsible for fully investigating complaints and for complying with federal non-discrimination law." [READ MORE](#)
2018 NABI Summit to Focus on "Creative Communication and Scholarship"

The National Alliance for Broader Impacts (NABI) will be holding its annual summit meeting focusing on “Creative Communication and Scholarship” on April 25-27, 2018, hosted by Brown University. NABI's international network of individuals and organizations work together to build institutional capacity, advance broader impacts, and demonstrate the societal benefits of research. Its engaged and active community has produced the Broader Impacts Guiding Principles and Questions for National Science Foundation Proposals and continues to offer annual summits. For more information, visit NABI's 2018 summit meeting webpage.

CUR EVENT CUR Biennial—July 1-3, 2018—Arlington, VA (conf grant deadline: Mar 15, 2018)

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; the submission deadline is February 28, 2018. 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.

A limited number of conference grants is available to attend the CUR Biennial; the application deadline is March 15, 2018. For details, visit the [conference grants webpage](#).

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