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CUR Selects Union College, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as 2018 AURA Awardees

CUR will present its 2018 Campus-Wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA) to Union College in Schenectady, NY, and University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. This annual award recognizes institutions with exemplary programs that provide high-quality research experiences for undergraduates. The 2018 recipients will be honored at the CUR Executive Board reception on January 25, 2019, at the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges & Universities in Atlanta, GA. READ MORE

Deadlines Approach for NCUR 2019 Abstracts; Submissions Open for NCUR 2019 Art Competition

The deadline is Dec 4, 2018, to submit abstracts for the 2019 National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Kennesaw State University. For Faculty-Administrator Network (FAN) sessions, the submission deadline is Dec 11, 2018. In addition, NCUR 2019 is hosting the art competition "Journeys through the Civil Rights Movement: Then and Now"; the submission deadline is Mar 21, 2019. READ MORE
Early-Bird Deadline Coming Soon for CUR Dialogues 2019

The early-bird registration deadline is Dec 14, 2018, for CUR Dialogues 2019, "Advancing Future Research: Strategies for Long-Term Sustainability." In addition to the plenary speakers and networking opportunities offered to assist attendees in achieving grant-funding success, two postconference workshops have been scheduled: "Beyond the Basics" (insights into crafting competitive grant proposals) and "Introduction to Beginning a Research Program" (steps such as selecting and managing research students, applying the best strategies for time management, and infusing a research program into the curriculum). A limited number of conference grants is available.

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Interested in Serving as a CUR Councilor?
Submit a Nomination

The Council on Undergraduate Research needs motivated and energetic members to serve as Councilors. Councilors are a crucial link between the organization and its members, helping to design and coordinate programs, workshops, meetings, and information resources. Councilors must be current members of CUR with a demonstrated commitment to CUR’s goals and the time and interest to serve the larger CUR community. More information about the role of a CUR Councilor and instructions on how to nominate before the December 19, 2018, deadline can be found at this link.

Applications Open for REU Opportunities

Applications have opened for various summer 2019 Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs funded by the National Science Foundation. Some of these opportunities follow below.


Various REUs in Nanotechnology, various application deadlines.

Nominations Sought for 2019 CUR Mathematics/Computer Sciences Faculty Mentor Awards
CUR's Mathematics and Computer Sciences Division has opened the nominations process for its 2019 Faculty Mentor Awards. Nominations should describe evidence of undergraduate research mentoring, professional development of mentees, and the impact of such efforts. Submission deadline: Mar 31, 2019. READ MORE

Nominations Open, DuPont Minorities in Engineering Awd
The DuPont Minorities in Engineering Award is conferred for outstanding achievements by an engineering or engineering technology educator in increasing student diversity within engineering and engineering technology programs. Nominators must be members of the American Society for Engineering Education, although membership is not required to be nominated for an award. Nomination deadline: Jan 15, 2019. READ MORE

Forbes Highlights CUREs
The Forbes article "To Develop Students' Critical Thinking Skills, Ask Them to Conduct Scientific Research" by Helen Lee Bouyges highlights course-based undergraduate research experiences (CUREs) and a research project at CUR member Florida Atlantic University involving antibiotics, soil bacteria, and undergraduates' critical thinking skills. READ MORE

Missed the CUR Webinar on Assessing CUREs? Access the Recording
Did you miss the CUR Webinar on "Assessment Strategies for Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences"? Enhanced Members can access the recording free of charge; those in other membership categories should contact Robin Howard for access.

Sigma Xi's Grants-in-Aid of Research Assist Students with Research Expenses
Sigma Xi's Grants-in-Aid of Research program awards grants of up to $1,000 to students in the sciences and engineering, with grants of up to $5,000 for astronomy research and $2,500 for vision-related research. Students may use the funds to pay for travel expenses to and from a research site, or for lab equipment necessary to complete a research project. Application deadline: Mar 1, 2019. READ MORE
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Dec 14, 2018  Early-Bird Registration Deadline, CUR Dialogues 2019, “Advancing Future Research: Strategies for Long-Term Sustainability”

Feb 1, 2019  Registration Deadline, CUR Dialogues 2019, “Advancing Future Research: Strategies for Long-Term Sustainability”

Feb 14-17, 2019  CUR Dialogues 2019, “Advancing Future Research: Strategies for Long-Term Sustainability,” Arlington, VA

Mar 21, 2019:  Deadline for NCUR 2019 Art Competition, National Conf on Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw State Univ

Mar 22–24, 2019  Broadening Participation Institute, Whitworth Univ

Mar 31, 2019  Nomination Deadline, CUR Math/CS Division Faculty Mentor Awards

Apr 11-13, 2019  National Conf on Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw State Univ

May 23-25, 2019  Second World Congress on Undergraduate Research, Univ of Oldenburg

June 25-29, 2019  CUR Annual Business Meeting and Undergraduate Research Programs Division Conference, The Ohio State Univ