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Preproposal Deadline for CUR Transformations Project Extended to March 6

Due to technical difficulties with the submissions portal for the CUR Transformations Project, the deadline for submissions of institutional preproposals has been extended to March 6. Questions about the submissions process may be addressed to Tavia Cummings or Beth Ambos.

CUR Transformations Project Seeks Consultants

As part of its work with 12 higher education institutions and 24 departments involving biology, chemistry, physics, and psychology, the CUR Transformations Project expects to assign two consultants to work with each department over the four-year project period. Needed for the consultant positions are CUR members with a history of
undergraduate research activities, curriculum design experience, and facilitation experience. Read more about these positions in the Call for Consultants document. Applications from prospective consultants are due by March 20, 2017, and may be submitted at the submissions portal.

Apply by March 15 for CUR Arts and Humanities Division Travel Awards

The CUR Arts and Humanities Division will award several travel awards to be dispersed in increments of $200-$500 to help support students who will present at CUR’s Posters on the Hill event or the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). This award is designed for students who demonstrate both excellence and financial need. Applications are due by March 15, 2017, and must be submitted through the online portal.

CUR Seeks Applications for Campus-wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments

CUR invites applications for an annual award, 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 characteristics of excellence, have devised exemplary programs to provide high-quality research experiences to undergraduates, and have evaluated the success of these programs. The depth and breadth of the institutional commitment to undergraduate research as well as the innovative nature of a sustained, exemplary program are important criteria for award selection. Letters of intent from institutions are due by March 22, 2017. For further information, visit the award webpage.

Apply by March 29 for a URPD Conference Grant

Limited conference grants are available for Undergraduate Research Programs: Undergraduate Research Collaborations Conference.

Applicants need to submit contact and demographic information, a statement of
anticipated expenses, a statement describing financial need, and a statement on expected outcomes from attending the particular conference. Individuals from underrepresented groups and first-time attendees will be given priority. Awardees will be selected to represent a diverse subset of the applicants across discipline/CUR divisions and geographic locations. Awardees will receive the conference grant as a rebate after their confirmed participation in the conference and the submission of reimbursement paperwork.

Apply here. DEADLINE: March 29, 2017

CUR Task Force Seeks Partnership Case Studies

The CUR Innovation and Collaboration Task Force is collecting case studies that describe examples of successful partnerships between academia and corporate, public sector, or social service organizations that support opportunities, resources, or success for undergraduates. Some peer-reviewed examples are available on this website.

To submit a case study, please use the template on the CUR Innovation and Collaboration webpage. Case studies are due by March 31, 2017.

Call for Undergraduate Research Highlights, Summer 2017 CUR Quarterly

Submit Undergraduate Research Highlights by March 3, 2017, for the Summer 2017 CUR Quarterly. 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.

CUR Is on the Move! National Office Moves April 1

The CUR National Office will be moving to more functional quarters on Saturday, April 1. The office will be closed on Friday, March 31, and Monday, April 3; however, CUR staff will be available via telework arrangements on those days. CUR will reopen on Tuesday, April 4. Telephone, email, website, and postal communications are expected to be unaffected by the move.
CUR’s telephone and fax numbers will remain the same. The new postal address is the following:

734 15th Street NW, Suite 850
Washington, DC  20005-1013

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Tell Us About Your Activities for Undergraduate Research Week (April 3-7, 2017)

Undergraduate Research Week 2017 will be celebrated during the week of April 3. Consider planning your celebration days and other special events during this week, and be sure to send a short description of your celebration (including a photo and/or logo for your institution) for inclusion on the event listing website. In addition, consider writing to local government officials such as governors, county executives, mayors, and so forth and ask them to name this week Undergraduate Research Week for your jurisdiction.

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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/ The application deadline is June 1. Inquiries and/or nominations may be sent to Erin Kraal (kraal@kutztown.edu).

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Abstracts Open for Spring 2017 American Geophysical Union Virtual Poster Showcase

Online abstract submissions are now being accepted for the spring Virtual Poster Showcase (VPS) from undergraduate and graduate students. Students may submit abstracts at http://virtualposter.agu.org. The abstract submission deadline is March 13, 2017.
This showcase is sponsored by the American Geophysical Union (AGU), Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), Geological Society of America (GSA), American Geosciences Institute (AGI), and American Meteorological Society (AMS). For more information, please contact PASher@agu.org.

Call for Proposals, ISSOTL 2017

The 14th annual conference of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL) will be held in Calgary, Canada, on October 11-14, 2017. International scholars and educators will come together to share recent work and to discuss how collective efforts will elevate the future of higher education. SOTL projects on undergraduate research (UR) may be submitted to ISSOTL by March 15, 2017.

The ISSOTL conference will feature a CUR preconference workshop on October 11, “Incorporating the Mentoring of Undergraduate Research into Your Professional Portfolio.” During this workshop, panelists from different institutional types and countries will share models of incorporating undergraduate research into professional portfolios, including teaching, research, and service. Best practices for integrating UR into curricula and mentoring UR, strategies to assess effectiveness and impact, and integration of UR into workload will be discussed.

National Academies Report Calls for More Research on UG Research Experiences

A new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine calls for more systematic collection of data on undergraduate research experiences (UREs) in STEM, stating that more widespread dissemination of such data could assist potential and current developers of such experiences. The National Science Foundation-funded study also noted the growth of course-based undergraduate research experiences (CUREs), the vital role of research in retaining students from underrepresented groups in STEM fields, the importance of student mentoring and the need for proper training for mentors, and the creativity of higher education institutions in applying limited resources to provide additional research opportunities for students.
**CUR Event** Transforming Undergraduate Research Culture and Curricula – April 21-23, 2017 – New Jersey City University

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2017

Undergraduate research has been recognized as an effective high-impact practice and one that benefits students, faculty, and entire institutions. The workshop Transforming Undergraduate Research Culture and Curricula will bring together teams of three to five faculty members and administrators from institutions interested in institutionalizing existing research activities and developing research-rich curricula to support this goal. To apply, visit the [workshop webpage](#).

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**CUR Event** Undergraduate Research Programs: Undergraduate Research Collaborations Conference – June 27-29, 2017 – Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff

This 1.5-day conference is aimed at faculty and academic professionals who are 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 be gathering to share ideas, strategies, and best practices about undergraduate research programs. Sponsored by CUR, the conference will be coordinated by the Undergraduate Research Program Directors (URPD) Division. Session topics include the following:

- Assessment
- Diversity in Research
- High-Impact Learning Strategies
- Internationalization
- Undergraduate Research Administration and Budgeting — Nuts and Bolts
- Undergraduate Research Collaborations

To register, visit the [Undergraduate Research Collaborations webpage](#).
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