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Submit Nominations for CUR Officers by Jan 5, 2018

CUR members can nominate themselves or other CUR members for CUR president-elect, treasurer, or general representative to the CUR Executive Board. The nomination deadline is January 5, 2018. READ MORE

Abstract Deadline Nears for NCUR 2018

December 5, 2017, is the deadline for abstract submissions to the 2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which will be hosted by University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma, on April 4-7, 2018. READ MORE
Early-Bird Registration Deadline Approaches for 2018 CUR Dialogues, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times"

CUR Dialogues 2018, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times," will bring together higher education faculty, staff members, and administrators with federal agency program officers and other grant funders in Arlington, VA, on February 15-17, 2018. Also featured will be networking opportunities, mock panels on NSF IUSE and REU programs, and keynote speakers who are Washington insiders. Held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, CUR Dialogues 2018 will begin at 4 pm on Thursday, February 15, 2018, and will end around noon on Saturday, February 17, 2018. The early-bird registration deadline is December 15, 2017; register here. A limited number of conference grants is available for individuals to attend CUR Dialogues 2018. The application deadline also is December 15, 2017. To apply, visit the conference grants webpage.

CUR Affiliate Member The Undergraduate Awards Seeks Undergraduate Student Submissions

CUR affiliate member The Undergraduate Awards identifies and benchmarks exceptional undergraduate work across 25 categories. It invites undergraduate student submissions for its 2018 program; the submission deadline is June 12, 2018 (visit the submission guide).

In November, the 2017 winners and highly commended students gathered in Dublin for the annual UA Global Summit to receive their honors, present their work, and engage across disciplines on challenges of global significance. The outstanding academic work by these undergraduates is deposited in the UA Library.

ORNL's Nuclear Engineering Science Laboratory Synthesis Programs Open to Undergrads in STEM, Other Fields

The Nuclear Engineering Science Laboratory Synthesis Programs at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory are open to undergraduates in chemistry, computer science, earth sciences and geosciences, environmental and marine sciences, engineering, government, international relations, life health and medical sciences, mathematics, nanotechnology, physics, political science, policy, and public affairs. The application deadlines are January 6, 2018, and February 28, 2018. READ MORE

Summer 2018 PIKSI Institute Seeks to Foster Philosophy Studies by Minority Undergrads

The summer 2018 PIKSI Institute at Penn State University seeks to encourage study in philosophy by underrepresented undergraduates. A stipend, transportation, room, and board are included. The application deadline is January 31, 2018. READ MORE
Applications Open for UW's Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program for Undergrads in Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental Justice

The Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at the University of Washington is open to first- and second-year undergraduates interested in biodiversity conservation and environmental justice. The application deadline is February 5, 2018. READ MORE

CUR WEBINAR Surveying the Impact: Using Survey Methods to Assess Undergraduate Research—Dec 13, 2017—1 pm ET

Want to assess the impact of an undergraduate research program through established surveys or customized surveys? This December 13 webinar will provide an overview of surveys that can be used to assess program impact and strategies for interpreting results. Best practices in survey design and tips for creating useful surveys also will be shared, including sampling, designing questions, improving response rates, and applying data. Participants will gain an understanding of already available instruments, develop new skills in survey design, and create strategies for analyzing their data and putting it into action. Register here for the webinar.

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.

CUR EVENT CUR Biennial—July 1-3, 2018—Arlington, VA

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; 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.

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