More Research and Coordination Needed, Says NAS Report on Undergraduate Research Experiences in STEM

Issued by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, the new Undergraduate Research Experiences for STEM Students: Successes, Challenges, and Opportunities seeks to identify best practices for undergraduate research experiences (UREs) and recommend supporting elements such as faculty/administrator needs and measures for research and practice. The report, which was commissioned by the National Science Foundation and involved CUR members in its fact-finding process, recommends additional research and data gathering on student participation to improve the evidence base on UREs, increased collaboration within and among institutions to foster UREs, and professional development for faculty and others serving as mentors to enhance their mentorship abilities. READ MORE

Program Available, Undergraduate Research Program Directors Meeting (June 27-29, 2017)

Begin to set your schedule for the June 27-29, 2017, meeting of the Undergraduate Research Program Directors. Consult the online program for this event that will convene faculty and academic professionals interested in the improvement, management, and promotion of undergraduate research and creative activities.
Top Institutions Sending Individuals to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Which institutions sent the most individuals to the 2017 National Conference on Undergraduate Research? Check out CUR's handy chart.

Around the Membersphere: APSA's Brians Award to USC's Becker, Bridgewater State's Krebs to MLA

Congratulations to Megan Becker (University of Southern California), who was selected to receive the 2017 Craig L. Brians Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Mentorship from the American Political Science Association's Political Science Education Section, and Paula M. Krebs (Bridgewater State University), who was named the new executive director of the Modern Language Association.

Abstract Submission to Open in July for American Geophysical Union's Fall 2017 Virtual Poster Showcase

The American Geophysical Union will open submissions for its fall 2017 Virtual Poster Showcase on July 4, 2017. The event provides an affordable opportunity for undergraduates to present their research. A webinar recording on using the showcase as part of coursework will be available soon.

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.

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.

CUR Events and Deadlines

June 27-29, 2017  Undergraduate Research Program Directors Meeting
June 29-July 1, 2017  Annual Business Meeting
July 13-17, 2017  Proposal Writing Institute
Sept 6, 2017  Abstract Submission Opens, 2018 Posters on the Hill
Sept 25, 2017  Deadline, Creative Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities Institute Applications
Nov 10-12, 2017  Creative Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities Institute
Nov 15, 2017  Deadline, Initiating and Sustaining Undergraduate Research Programs Institute Applications
Dec 5, 2017  Deadline, NCUR 2018 Abstracts
Jan 19-20, 2018  Initiating and Sustaining Undergraduate Research Programs Institute

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