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**Want to Host NCUR in 2022? Submit a Letter of Interest by March 31**

Institutions that wish to be considered as a potential host for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in 2022 may submit a letter of interest by March 31, 2018. For more information, visit "[Hosting an NCUR Conference—Submit a Bid to Host NCUR 2022.](#)"

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**How Are You Celebrating Undergraduate Research Week (April 9–13)? Tell Us by March 30!**

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, Christopher Newport University is hosting the one-day student research conference Paideia on April 14, and Vancouver Island University is holding its sixth annual CREATE Conference showcasing student research on April 11–12. Thinking about possible activities? Review last year's events; think about coordinating with other April events such as Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month, Alcohol 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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### Application/Nomination Deadlines Coming Up 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

- **Student travel grants**, CUR Physics and Astronomy Division, application deadline March 16, 2018

- **Faculty mentor award nominations**, CUR Physics and Astronomy Division, nomination deadline March 16, 2018

- **Faculty mentor award nominations**, CUR Mathematics and Computer Sciences Division, nomination deadline March 31, 2018

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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** in anti-counterfeiting technology, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology/South Dakota State University/University of South Dakota; application deadline March 9, 2018

- **REU**, "Human Communication in a Connected World," USC Viterbi; application deadline March 15, 2018

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

- **REU**, "Mechanisms of Evolution," University of Nevada–Las Vegas; application deadline April 7, 2018

- [Pathways to Science database](#) of summer research and other opportunities for undergraduates
Submit Applications by March 15 for Sigma Xi's Grants-in-Aid of Research Program

Sigma Xi’s Grants-in-Aid of Research Program awards grants of up to $1,000 to students in science and engineering, grants of $2,500 for vision-related research, and grants of up to $5,000 for astronomy research. Grants may be used to pay for travel expenses to and from a research site or for purchase of nonstandard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a research project. The application deadline is March 15, 2018. READ MORE

CNCS Funding Opportunity Facilitates Civic Engagement and Participatory Research

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has opened the 2018 Community Conversations Research competition, which seeks to engage communities in conversations about their civic health using participatory research approaches that facilitate civic engagement and strengthen community capacity to address local issues. CNCS will award grants of $50,000 to $100,000 per year for a maximum of two years to higher education institutions; these will support academics and applied researchers who (1) actively engage residents and other stakeholders in a research process, (2) identify an issue of concern to the local community, (3) understand potential barriers to addressing the issue, and (4) create a collaborative action plan to address the issue. The application deadline is April 10, 2018. READ MORE

Boyce Thompson Institute Seeks Applications, Interdisciplinary Projects in Plant Sciences

Cornell University's Boyce Thompson Institute invites applications from teams of 2–3 individuals seeking to conduct an interdisciplinary project. These team positions will focus on collaboration and strategic contributions to projects with colleagues. Although the research goals of the team project should be within plant sciences, involvement of nontraditional disciplines is encouraged. Application review will begin April 23, 2018. READ MORE

National Science Foundation Announces Increased Functionality for Research.gov

Beginning on April 30, 2018, proposers will be able to prepare and submit full, research noncollaborative proposals for the National Science Foundation (NSF) in Research.gov. The initial release of this new Research.gov capability will run in parallel with existing FastLane proposal preparation and submission capabilities, so proposers can choose to prepare and submit full, research noncollaborative proposals in Research.gov or in FastLane starting on April 30. Users can preview the site and submit feedback to NSF. READ MORE
Submissions Sought for AAC&U Radio Program "The Academic Minute"

Hosted by Association of American Colleges & Universities president Lynn Pasquerella, the radio program The Academic Minute features faculty and researchers from higher education institutions around the world discussing the ways in which academic research serves the public good. The program seeks individual submissions for upcoming segments on any topic, as well as ideas for “weekly takeovers” of five separate research segments from a single institution. Send submissions to producer David Hopper. READ MORE

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)

The following workshops are scheduled:

- **A Research Lab Model for Student Research in Mathematics**, June 30, 2018, 1–4 pm, $65.00. 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. Read the [draft agenda](#), or [register](#) for the workshop. Address questions to Kathryn Leonard.

- **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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