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CUR Councilors Approve New CUR Mission Statement

This fall, CUR Councilors approved the following new Mission Statement for CUR:

The mission of the Council on Undergraduate Research is to support and promote high-quality mentored undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry.

Casting votes were 211 Councilors (out of a possible 292), with 93 percent voting yes. The Councilor responses, which included comments, will help inform the CUR Executive Board's strategic planning process in 2020. [READ THE CUR PRESIDENT'S LETTER ON THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT](#)

CUR Executive Board Seeks Nominations for General Representative

The CUR Executive Board invites nominations for the position of General Representative. The board seeks individuals who will bring fresh perspectives on advancing CUR's mission through engagement with the public, peer organizations, and potential funding sources. The deadline for nominations is Jan 7, 2020. For details on the nominations process, please visit the [nomination website](#).

Early-Bird Deadline Approaches, 2020 CUR Dialogues

Take advantage of early-bird registration for CUR Dialogues 2020 on Feb 13-15, 2020, in Arlington, VA. The event will feature sessions with federal agency program officers and representatives from other funders (a [draft schedule](#) is available). Early-bird registration closes Dec 13, 2019. [READ MORE](#)



New CUR White Paper Urges Recognition of Undergraduate Research Mentoring in Faculty Advancement

In the new CUR White Paper *Recognizing and Valuing the Mentoring of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity by Faculty Members: Workload, Tenure, Promotion, and Award Systems*, the authors present the need for recognition of faculty mentorship of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity; recommend best practices for institutions to adopt; offer a selection of case studies that features some of these practices; and summarize upcoming challenges. The white paper received coverage in *Inside*

Higher Ed and follows [CUR White Paper No. 1](#) on the role of undergraduate research in training a highly skilled workforce. [READ MORE](#)

Summit Showcases UR at Community Colleges

The [Community College Undergraduate Research Experience Summit](#)—an event highlighting undergraduate research at two-year institutions that partnered the [American Association of Community Colleges](#), the [Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative \(CCURI\)](#), and CUR—took place on Nov 20-22, 2019. CUR Geosciences' Laura Guertin (Penn State Brandywine), a presenter at the summit, provided a [series of blog posts](#) for *GeoEd Trek* that included crucial issues such as building institutional capacity and developing effective assessment measures.

Attending AAC&U's 2020 Annual Meeting?

Come to CUR's Reception Honoring AURA Awardees

CUR will be hosting a reception on Jan 24, 2020, from 5:45 to 7:15 pm, at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges & Universities in Washington, DC. The reception will feature the [2019 recipients](#) of CUR's Campus-Wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments:

Bridgewater State University, Florida State University, and Occidental College. CUR members and colleagues are invited to attend.

CUR Welcomes New Member

CUR welcomes **California State University-Monterey Bay** to enhanced membership.

Deadlines Near for Undergraduate Opportunities

Deadlines are coming up for the following undergraduate opportunities:

[Junior Fellows Summer Intern Program](#), Library of Congress; app deadline Dec 20, 2019

[DOE Scholars Program](#), Dept of Energy; app deadline Jan 3, 2020

[History of Diversity in the Physical Sciences Intern](#), American Institute of Physics (for physics undergraduates), app deadline Jan 15, 2020

[REU in Increasing Statistical Preparation in Research Education for Underrepresented Undergraduates](#), Spelman College; app deadline Jan 15, 2020

[Summer Undergraduate Research Program](#), Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University; app deadline Jan 15, 2020

[REU](#), Institute for Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine, University of Washington; app deadline Jan 15, 2020

[Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium](#), Johns Hopkins University, Apr 3-4, 2020; abstract deadline Jan 24, 2020

[REU in Evolutionary Science](#), University of Iowa; app deadline Feb 1, 2020

[REU](#), SETI Institute (for students interested in astronomy, astrobiology, or planetary science); app deadline Feb 1, 2020

[REU in Raptor Research](#), Boise State University; app deadline Feb 3, 2020

[Summer Student Fellowships](#), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (for rising fourth-year students interested in ocean sciences, oceanographic engineering, mathematics, or marine policy); app deadline Feb 5, 2020

[Analytic Studies Internships](#), Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute (for students in art history, anthropology, archaeology, biochemistry, biology, chemistry, ecology, earth sciences, chemical and materials science engineering, museum studies, or paleontology); app dline Feb 10, 2020

[History and Heritage Internship](#), Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life; app dline Feb 10, 2020

[REU in Materials Research Science and Engineering](#), Northwestern University; app deadline Feb 14, 2020

[Seventh Annual Environmental Science and Design Symposium](#), Kent State University; app deadline Feb 15, 2020

[Travel grant](#) to attend 2020 International Conference on Arabidopsis Research in Seattle (for underrepresented students in plant sciences); app deadline Feb 29, 2020

AAC&U Schedules High-Impact Practices Institute

The Summer Institute on High-Impact Practices and Student Success of the Association of American Colleges & Universities will be held in Atlanta on June 2-5, 2020, and will assist campus teams in defining and strengthening processes for assessing student achievement of learning outcomes as a result of participation in high-impact practices. Applications are due Feb 20, 2020. [READ MORE](#)

CUR Events and Deadlines

Dec 13, 2019 / [Early-Bird Registration Deadline](#), 2020 CUR Dialogues

Jan 13, 2020 / [Application Deadline](#), Student Travel Awards, CUR Biology Div

Jan 20, 2020 / [Application Deadline](#), Student Travel Grants, CUR Health Sciences Div

Jan 23, 2020 / [Application Deadline](#), Broadening Participation Institute

Feb 3, 2020 / [Application Deadline](#), Student Travel Awards, CUR Psychology Div

Feb 7, 2020 / [Application Deadline](#), Student Travel Awards, CUR Physics and Astronomy Div

Feb 13-15, 2020 / [CUR Dialogues](#), Arlington, VA

Mar 26-28, 2020 / [Nat Conference on Undergraduate Research](#), Montana State University Bozeman

Apr 20-24, 2020 / Undergraduate Research Week

Apr 20-21, 2020 / Posters on the Hill

Jun 27-30, 2020 / [2020 CUR Biennial Conference](#), Purdue University

**CUR will be closed Dec 24, 2019, to Jan 1, 2020.
Happy holidays!**



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