Read About 2019 Posters on the Hill Participants, Abstracts

On April 30, 60 teams from across the country will be presenting their research at CUR's Posters on the Hill event, demonstrating the value of federal investment in undergraduate research to Members of Congress, their staffers, and others in government and education. Read the abstracts and the profiles of participants, including WCAX's interview with Posters on the Hill participant Dillon Zites (Norwich University) and his research involving Vitamin B12 in chemotherapy.
NSF's Córdova to Receive Honorary CUR Fellows Award

Pioneering astrophysicist France A. Córdova, the 14th director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), will receive the Honorary CUR Fellows Award at an April 30 reception during the Council on Undergraduate Research’s 2019 Posters on the Hill event on Capitol Hill. Córdova calls CUR "a staunch ally in NSF’s efforts to support undergraduate research.”

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List: Top Institutions Sending NCUR 2019 Participants

Wondering which institutions sent the most participants to the 2019 National Conference on Undergraduate Research? Thanks to NCUR host Kennesaw State University, the answer is revealed. The top five are Kennesaw, University of West Florida, University of Central Oklahoma, and a tie between Georgia College and State University and Georgia Tech. SEE THE FULL LIST

2019 UR Programs Conf: Keynote Speaker, Travel Grants

Jenny Olin Shanahan, assistant provost for high-impact practices at Bridgewater State University (MA), will deliver the keynote address during the 2019 Undergraduate Research Programs Conference at The Ohio State University on June 28, 2019. Shanahan, who has served as a member of the CUR Executive Board and as a CUR Councilor, publishes frequently and specializes in ways to provide equitable access to undergraduate research; to embed research and inquiry into the curriculum; and to foster excellence in faculty mentorship, especially for underrepresented students.

The application for conference travel grants is now available. The application deadline is May 15, 2019. READ MORE

CFP, Spr20 SPUR: Undergrad Research for the 21st Century (Deadline May 6)

The spring 2020 issue of CUR’s academic journal Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research (SPUR) will examine undergraduate research for the twenty-first century. How is undergraduate research preparing students for the workforce? What role does technology play in undergraduate research? How can undergraduate research address the complex sociopolitical problems of the twenty-first century? Four to five articles of 2,000 to 3,500 words each are sought that examine some aspect of the future of undergraduate research. In addition, vignettes of 300 words are invited that offer succinct, creative approaches to the theme. Proposal deadline: May 6, 2019. READ MORE

Want to Infuse UR into Campus Culture?

Attend May 22 Webinar with CUR’s 2018 AURA Awardees

At a free webinar, representatives from the 2018 CUR Campus-Wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA) awardee institutions will describe the programs, services, infrastructure, and cultures that they have developed to support institution-wide excellence in undergraduate research. “Achieving an Institution-Wide Culture and Practice in Undergraduate Research: Best Practices from AURA 2018 Awardees” will take place on May 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. ET and feature the outstanding research programs from Union College (NY) and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Inaugurated in 2015, AURA builds on CUR’s 2012 publication Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research (COEUR). REGISTER HERE
Deadlines Approach for GeoCUR, ChemCUR, Physics & Astronomy

Award deadlines are coming soon for two CUR divisions:

- Nomination deadline, Undergraduate Research Mentor Award, CUR Geosciences: May 1, 2019 READ MORE
- Nomination deadline, Outstanding Mentor Award, CUR Chemistry: May 1, 2019 READ MORE
- Nomination deadline, Faculty Mentor Award, CUR Physics & Astronomy Div: May 3, 2019 READ MORE

Applications Open, CUR Proposal Writing Institute
Designed for faculty and administrators interested in preparing proposals for submission to external funding agencies, the CUR Proposal Writing Institute will be held at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, KY, on July 11-15, 2019. A draft agenda is available. The application deadline is May 31, 2019. SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

UR Media Mentions: GA, TN, TX
Undergraduate research in the news:

- The Chronicle of Higher Education discussed Special Counsel Robert Mueller's undergraduate research on a court case at The Hague involving apartheid.

- WGNS News Radio talked to former astronaut Robert "Hoot" Gibson, who spoke about the importance of research in his career at Middle Tennessee State University's inaugural Undergraduate Research Experience and Creative Activity luncheon.

- The Gainesville [GA] Times spotlighted the research of University of North Georgia third-year student Jessica Nix on the relationship of cigarette smoke to bladder cancer.

- The El Paso Herald-Post highlighted the 2019 Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives (COURI) Spring Symposium at University of Texas at El Paso, where students spoke about the effect on their lives of conducting research.

Deadlines Near for Undergraduate Opportunities
Deadlines are coming soon for the following undergraduate opportunities:

- Summer Intern (Remote), LGBTQ Religious Archives Network; app dline Apr 29, 2019
- Oral History Internship/Practicum, John J. Wilcox LGBT Archives, Philadelphia; app dline Apr 30, 2019
- Various Internships, Texas Historical Commission; app deadline May 1, 2019 (summer), Sept 1, 2019 (fall)

- Museum Education Internship, Maryland Historical Society; app deadline May 31, 2019

- Policy Intern, Neighborhood Preservation Inc., Memphis

- Landscape Architecture Intern, Presidio Trust, San Francisco; position starts June 10, 2019

Abstract Submission Opens, ACUR 2019
The Australasian Council for Undergraduate Research (ACUR) has opened abstract submissions for ACUR 2019, which will take place on October 2-3, 2019, at the University of Newcastle in Australia. The deadline for submissions is July 3, 2019. READ MORE

New Book on Undergraduate Research in Germany
*Inquiry-Based Learning–Undergraduate Research: The German Multidisciplinary Experience* is a new open-access book available from Springer that covers undergraduate research in Germany across more than 20 disciplines. CUR Executive Officer Elizabeth L. Ambos contributes a foreword. READ MORE

CUR Events and Deadlines

Apr 29-30, 2019 / Posters on the Hill

May 1, 2019 / Nomination Deadline, GeoCUR UR Mentor Award

May 1, 2019 / Nomination Deadline, ChemCUR Outstanding Mentoring Award

May 3, 2019 / Nomination Deadline, CUR Physics & Astronomy Faculty Mentor Award

May 6, 2019 / Deadline for Proposals, spring 2020 SPUR (UR for the 21st Century)

May 15, 2019 / Deadline for Conference Grant Applications, 2019 Undergraduate Research Programs Conference

May 23-25, 2019 / Second World Congress on Undergraduate Research, Univ of Oldenburg

May 31, 2019 / Application Deadline, CUR Proposal Writing Institute, Kentucky Wesleyan College

June 25-29, 2019 / CUR Annual Business Meeting and Undergraduate Research Programs Conference, The Ohio State Univ

July 11-15, 2019 / CUR Proposal Writing Institute, Kentucky Wesleyan College

Oct 18-20, 2019 / Transforming Undergraduate Research Culture and Curricula Institute, California State Univ, Chico
New CUR White Paper: UR and the Workforce

The CUR White Paper Undergraduate Research: A Road Map for Meeting Future National Needs and Competing in a World of Change is now available for downloading. The coauthors—Joanne D. Altman, Tsu-Ming Chiang, Christian S. Hamann, Huda Makhluf, Virginia Peterson, and Sara E. Orel—make the case for the role of undergraduate research in college completion and preparation of a highly skilled workforce.