Registration Deadline Nears for CUR's Broadening Participation Institute

CUR’s Broadening Participation Institute on March 23–25, 2018, at Bowie State University will 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. The application deadline is February 12, 2018. To apply, visit the institute webpage.

CUR Mathematics and Computer Sciences Division Seeks Faculty Mentor Award Nominations

The CUR Mathematics and Computer Sciences Division seeks nominations for awards recognizing faculty mentoring of undergraduate research (early career, mid-career, and advanced career categories). The nomination deadline is March 31, 2018. READ MORE
Read Updated Program, 2018 CUR Dialogues, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times"

There is still time to register for CUR Dialogues 2018, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times," which 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 (visit the CUR Dialogues webpage to read the updated program). 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. A one-day rate of $275 for Friday, February 16, is available; contact Tavia Cummings to take advantage of this rate.

Application Deadlines Coming Up for Student Travel Grants in CUR Divisions

Application deadlines are approaching for student travel awards in several CUR divisions:

- **CUR Psychology Division**, application deadline February 15, 2018 (faculty mentors must nominate student candidates)
- **CUR Physics and Astronomy Division**, application deadline March 16, 2018
- **CUR Social Sciences Division**, applications considered on a first-come, first-served basis

Deadlines Approaching for Summer 2018 Undergraduate Opportunities

Application deadlines are coming up for undergraduate research opportunities in summer 2018. Options include the following:

- **REU**, Undergraduate Research in Educational Data Mining, George Mason University; application deadline February 15, 2018
- **REU**, Distributed Research Experiences for Undergraduates, Computing Research Assn's Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research; application deadline February 15, 2018 (also interested in faculty mentor applications)
- **REU**, Utilizing Plants for Innovative Research, Kettering University; application deadline February 15, 2018
- **REU**, Marquette University, for students in computer sciences, mathematics, statistics, and related areas; application deadline February 23, 2018
- **REU in physics, chemistry, and physical chemistry**, the College of Wooster; application deadline February 28, 2018

- **REU**, NSF Engineering Research Center for Cell Manufacturing Technologies; application deadline March 1, 2018

- **REU in rehabilitation engineering**, Human Engineering Research Laboratories, University of Pittsburgh, for students in computer science, engineering, mathematics, and science; application deadline March 2, 2018

- **REU**, Secure and Privacy-Preserving Cyber Physical Systems, Tennessee Tech; application deadline March 2, 2018

- **REU in wireless communications**, Virginia Tech; application deadline not specified

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**Engagement Scholarship Consortium Seeks Nominees for Excellence Awards Program**

The Engagement Scholarship Consortium seeks nominations for its 2018 Excellence Awards Program, which recognizes exemplary engagement scholarship. The program provides institutional recognition in four categories: student, faculty, community partner, and institutional leadership. Two- and four-year public and private institutions may submit nominations. The deadline is March 1, 2018. [READ MORE](#)

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**American Council of Learned Societies Announces New Fellowships for Community College Faculty Researchers in Humanities, Social Sciences**

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) has announced a new fellowship program sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation that will support research of community college faculty in the humanities and social sciences. Project outcomes can include scholarly or pedagogical articles, book chapters, or books; course plans and textbooks; exhibitions and community/campus events; and online resources. ACLS expects to award a maximum of 26 fellowships of $40,000 each in 2018-2019 and will open the application process in July 2018; the application deadline is September 26, 2018. [READ MORE](#)

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**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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