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Conference Grants Available to Attend 2018 CUR Dialogues, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times"

CUR Dialogues 2018, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times," 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. 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 limited number of conference grants is available for individuals to attend CUR Dialogues 2018. The application deadline is December 15, 2017. To apply, visit the conference grants webpage.
Submit Undergraduate Research Highlights by November 16 for Spring 2018 SPUR

Faculty members, administrators, and students can submit Undergraduate Research Highlights by November 16, 2017, for the spring 2018 issue of Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research. Undergraduate Research Highlights briefly describe peer-reviewed research or scholarly work that has appeared in academic journals, book and book chapters, Web-based publications, and juried performances. These publications must be in print, must be from the past six months, and must include one or more undergraduate coauthors. Submit here.

CUR Welcomes New Member

CUR welcomes Rollins College (Winter Park, FL) to enhanced membership.

Abstracts Due November 30 for Munich's INHERE 2018 Conference

Concluding a 3.5-year national project on inquiry-based learning in German universities, the INHERE 2018 conference on March 8-9, 2018, in Munich will discuss current international research on the effects of learning through inquiry. The deadline for abstract submission is November 30, 2017. READ MORE

NASW Travel Fellowships to AAAS Offered for Undergrads Interested in Science Writing

The National Association of Science Writers is offering travel fellowships to the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for undergraduates interested in science writing. Fellowships range from $500 to $1000. The application deadline is December 15, 2017. READ MORE

ORNL's Higher Education Research Experiences Program Open to Faculty, Undergraduates

The Higher Education Research Experiences Program at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is open to faculty members and undergraduates in STEM and other fields. Applications are accepted throughout the year. READ MORE
Learning Spaces Collaboratory's November 13 Webinar to Explore Faculty-Student Perspectives and Institutional Culture in Space Planning

The Learning Spaces Collaboratory will hold a webinar on November 13 from 3:30-5 p.m. ET, which will discuss engaging faculty and students in the space planning process as well as shaping an institutional culture that fosters learner-centered space planning. READ MORE

Papers Available from Upcoming Teaching/Learning Conference

Abstracts and papers scheduled for the upcoming International Conference on Models of Engaged Teaching and Learning in Australia are now available for online reading and download.

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.


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).

Proposals may be submitted for oral presentations and poster presentations until November 22, 2017. In addition, conference grants are available to attend the CUR Biennial; the application deadline is March 15, 2018. To apply, visit the conference grants webpage.

The following preconference workshops also 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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**CUR WEBINAR** Surveying the Impact: Using Survey Methods to Assess Undergraduate Research—Dec 13, 2017—1 pm ET

Want to assess the impact of an undergraduate research program through established surveys or customized surveys? This December 13 webinar will provide an overview of surveys that can be used to assess program impact and strategies for interpreting results. Best practices in survey design and tips for creating useful surveys also will be shared, including sampling, designing questions, improving response rates, and applying data. Participants will gain an understanding of already available instruments, develop new skills in survey design, and create strategies for analyzing their data and putting it into action. Register [here](#) for the webinar.

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**CUR EVENT** Broadening Participation Institute—Mar 23-25, 2018—Bowie State University, Bowie, MD (application deadline: Feb 12, 2018)

CUR’s Broadening Participation Institute seeks to 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. To apply, visit the [institute webpage](#).
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