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Applying to Participate in the CUR Transformations Project? Updated Resources Available

One of CUR's largest-ever webinars was held last week on the CUR Transformations Project, which sought to inform and answer questions from potential applicants about the NSF-funded project to create research-based undergraduate curricula in biology, chemistry, physics, and psychology. Listen to the webinar recording and review the slides on the webinar webpage.

CUR Transformations Project Seeks Consultants

As part of its work with 12 higher education institutions and 24 departments involving biology, chemistry, physics, and psychology, the CUR Transformations Project expects to assign two consultants to work with each department over the four-year project period. Needed for the consultant positions are CUR members with a history of undergraduate research activities, curriculum design experience, and facilitation experience. Read more about these positions in the Call for Consultants document.
Applications from prospective consultants are due by March 20, 2017, and may be submitted at the submissions portal.

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**Apply by March 1 for CUR Education Division's Collaborative Research Awards**

The CUR Education Division will award two $250 Faculty-Student Collaborative Research in Education Awards to students majoring in education and education-related fields (dual and double majors in a teacher education program and other related fields also are eligible). Undergraduates at any stage of their undergraduate programs are encouraged to apply by March 1, 2017. For more information, visit the award webpage.

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**Apply by March 15 for CUR Arts and Humanities Division Travel Awards**

The CUR Arts and Humanities Division will award several travel awards to be dispersed in increments of $200-$500 to help support students who will present at CUR’s Posters on the Hill event or the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). This award is designed for students who demonstrate both excellence and financial need. Applications are due by March 15, 2017, and must be submitted through the online portal.

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**Apply by March 29 for a URPD Conference Grant**

Limited conference grants are available for Undergraduate Research Programs: Undergraduate Research Collaborations Conference.

Applicants need to submit contact and demographic information, a statement of anticipated expenses, a statement describing financial need, and a statement on expected outcomes from attending the particular conference. Individuals from underrepresented groups and first-time attendees will be given priority. Awardees will be selected to represent a diverse subset of the applicants across discipline/CUR divisions and geographic locations. Awardees will receive the conference grant as a
rebate after their confirmed participation in the conference and the submission of reimbursement paperwork.

Apply here. DEADLINE: March 29, 2017

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**CUR Participants Sought for Regional Roundtables Hosted by the Learning Spaces Collaboratory**

Jeanne Narum, principal of the Learning Spaces Collaboratory (LSC), is looking for one or two CUR representatives for upcoming LSC regional roundtables. The roundtables usually involve 15-20 people (including academics and architects) in open-ended discussions that seek to formulate audacious questions on the future of planning learning spaces. Academic participants are faculty members and administrators from all disciplines who are reflective thinkers and experienced change agents.

Consult the roundtable schedule. For further details, contact Narum at tel: 202/256-8872, or email.

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**Call for Undergraduate Research Highlights, Summer 2017 CUR Quarterly**

Submit Undergraduate Research Highlights by March 3, 2017, for the Summer 2017 CUR Quarterly. Undergraduate Research Highlights briefly describe peer-reviewed research or scholarly work in academic journals, book and book chapters, Web-based publications, and juried performances that have occurred within the past six months. They must be in print and must have one or more undergraduate coauthors.

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**CUR Event** Transforming Undergraduate Research Culture and Curricula – April 21-23, 2017 – New Jersey City University

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2017

Undergraduate research has been recognized as an effective high-impact practice and one that benefits students, faculty, and entire institutions. The workshop Transforming
Undergraduate Research Culture and Curricula will bring together teams of three to five faculty members and administrators from institutions interested in institutionalizing existing research activities and developing research-rich curricula to support this goal. To apply, visit the workshop webpage.

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**CUR Event** Undergraduate Research Programs:
Undergraduate Research Collaborations Conference –
June 27-29, 2017 – Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff

This 1.5-day conference is aimed at faculty and academic professionals who are interested in the improvement, management, and promotion of undergraduate research and is designed for programs at any stage, including the development phase! Faculty, undergraduate research program directors, and administrators from across the country will be gathering to share ideas, strategies, and best practices about undergraduate research programs. Sponsored by CUR, the conference will be coordinated by the Undergraduate Research Program Directors (URPD) Division. Session topics include the following:

- Assessment
- Diversity in Research
- High-Impact Learning Strategies
- Internationalization
- Undergraduate Research Administration and Budgeting — Nuts and Bolts
- Undergraduate Research Collaborations

To register, visit the Undergraduate Research Collaborations webpage.

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**CUR Welcomes New Enhanced Members**

CUR welcomes the following institutions to enhanced CUR membership:

- The University of Arizona
- Davidson College (NC)
- Florida Southern College
- University of Virginia's College at Wise
CUR Events and Deadlines

February 16-18, 2017  CUR Dialogues
March 1, 2017  Deadline: Preproposals, CUR Transformations Project
March 3, 2017  Deadline: Undergraduate Research Highlights, Summer 2017 CUR Quarterly
March 15, 2017  Deadline: CUR A&H Division Travel Awards
Deadline: Transforming Undergraduate Research Culture and Curricula
March 20, 2017  Deadline: Consultant Applications, CUR Transformations Project
March 29, 2017  Deadline: URPD Conference Grants
April 3-7, 2017  Undergraduate Research Week
April 6-8, 2017  National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Memphis
April 25-26, 2017  Posters on the Hill
May 22, 2017  Deadline: Proposal Writing Institute Applications

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