Holistic Approach to Advocacy for UR: Blog from CURAH

"Advocacy supports a cause you believe is important," writes Maria T. Iacullo-Bird, Ph.D. as she begins her blog, *A Holistic Approach to Advocacy for Undergraduate Research*. She continues by describing a variety of ways and with varying constituencies advocacy can be pursued. New to Advocacy? Iacullo-Bird dives into the beginnings of advocacy; how to advocate; building relationships with agencies and endowments; institutional advocacy; and the shift and importance of advocacy through social media platforms. Read her blog >>

Do you have blogs and/or articles you would like to share with the community? Send them to CUR.

CUR Releases the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

At CUR's Virtual Biennial Conference (VBC) in June 2020, CUR's President (Silvia Ronco), Immediate Past-President (Janice DeCosmo), and Executive Officer (Lindsay Currie) presented the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. To align with the CUR's current mission statement to support and promote high-quality mentored undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry; as well as achieve the vision of enriching and advancing society through UR, scholarship, and creative inquiry, CUR based the strategic plan on five main goals.

Download Strategic Plan
CUR Provides Grant-Writing Support
Have faculty currently writing a grant? Are you in the process of sourcing grant funding? CUR is now offering consulting services to individuals preparing proposals for submission to external funding agencies. Answer some preliminary questions, and you will be right on your way to being paired with an expert who can evaluate your needs and customize the support you need to submit a strong proposal. Get the details >>

Now Available: Spring 2020 SPUR
The theme of the latest issue of Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research is “Undergraduate Research in the Twenty-First Century.” Topics include assisting students to connect undergraduate research with workforce skills, fostering undergraduate research clubs, infusing research experiences across the curriculum, nurturing course-based undergraduate research experiences (CUREs), and more. Read more.

Latest Discussions Happening in Our Community
- A community member asks for advice on how your institutions are moving forward in for the fall semester and what your student research office will look like. Share your thoughts.
- A member reaches out for help on learning outcomes for CUREs. Lend your advice.
- Members converse on how to sharpen mentoring skills to assist students better. Read the conversation.

Check out some of the other 2,000+ discussions happening now!

Highlights: Member Resource Library
- How do I list on my CV a presentation for a conference that was canceled? Learn APA. Learn MLA.
- Watch the recording of GSA/NAGT’s latest webinar on Using Virtual Landscapes for Remote Teaching. Watch Today >>
- The University of Washington shares its language guide for developing an equity lens in inclusive communications. See how you can learn from it >>

We are updating our member resources daily. Continue to check them out!
Have resources you want to share? Send them here.
CUR welcomes our two latest new members: Van Andel Institute Graduate School and the University of California - Davis.

CUR's membership year started July 1, 2020. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership to continue receiving benefits and stay connected to your UR community. If you need some assistance to help show the value of CUR membership to your administration, please use our customizable justification letter.

**Volunteer Opps**

In times of uncertainty, our natural instincts make us lean on our friends, family, and co-workers more. We want to share trade-secrets, give a helping hand to those struggling, and celebrate the successes we have found. CUR started its Five in Five series to bring answers, make connections, and support the community. Do you have something you would like to share?

**Renew Today**

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**AIP Releases Report on Impacts of COVID-19**

In April, the Institute convened a panel of nine experts to commission a report to help the physical sciences enterprise contextualize the pitfalls and opportunities that COVID-19 presents. The report, *Peril and Promise: Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Physical Sciences*, was released this month. It examines several areas where the scientific community has been tested by the pandemic and examines how the future could look for the workforce, our infrastructure, and our conduct of research. The report is geared towards leaders in government, academia, the private sector, and others who depend on the physical sciences as they seek to address the pandemic’s impacts. In this brief video, panel chair Julia Phillips promotes the report's content. Download full report >>

**Virtual Conference Invites Student Research Presentations**

Students in high school through graduate school are invited to join scientists and engineers November 6–8, 2020, to present their research at Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society’s virtual Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference. Students will attend research symposia that examine the benefits of interdisciplinary collaborations, particularly collaborations between art and science. The conference also includes professional development, networking sessions, a College and Graduate School Fair, and a STEM Art and Film Festival. Top student presenters earn monetary awards. All presenting students receive feedback from judges and are nominated to Sigma Xi membership. Students can submit their abstract by August 1 for oral presentations or by October 1 for poster presentations. Find out more about attending and/or submitting your abstracts >>

**NSF Extends CAREER Proposal Deadline**

In consideration of the challenges facing many in our country, NSF is extending the upcoming proposal deadline for the Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) until 5:00 p.m. submitter’s local time on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
Please note that the eligibility requirements specified in the solicitation remain unchanged, and proposers must meet all of the eligibility requirements as of the original deadline of July 27, 2020. The Departmental Letter that must be submitted by the Department Chair (or equivalent) must use July 27, 2020 to determine eligibility, regardless of whether the CAREER proposal is submitted before, on, or after July 27, 2020. An untenured assistant professor on July 27, 2020 is eligible to submit a CAREER proposal even if the Principal Investigator is tenured/promoted in the fall. A new faculty member who starts on July 28, 2020 or later is not eligible to submit a CAREER proposal this year. In order to ensure timely proposal review and decision making, NSF strongly encourages submission of CAREER proposals on or before the original deadline of July 27, 2020. NSF will not consider requests to extend the deadline date beyond 5:00 p.m., submitter’s local time on August 11, 2020, except as outlined in PAPPG Chapter I.F.3. Read More >>

AAAS Releases COVID-19 and Human Rights Resource List

The AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition Secretariat and Coalition member organizations have compiled this resource list to help students, educators, scientists, activists, and other audiences confront the urgent challenges at the intersections of science, technology, and human rights raised by the novel coronavirus pandemic. We will continue to update this list as the crisis evolves. View list >>

Calls for Papers

- SPUR Fall 2021, Undergraduate Research and Climate Change | Deadline July 27
- 2021 Virtual Conference, Society for Historical Archaeology | Deadline August 10
- Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute | Deadline October 1

UR Grant Opps

- Grants in Aid of Research Program, Sigma Xi | Deadline October 1
- Publication Grants, Textbook and Academic Authors Assn | Deadline October 31

Virtual UR Opps

- 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference, Sigma Xi | Deadline [oral presentation abstract] August 1
- Online Showcase of Undergraduate Research in Hydrogeology (Session T177), GSA Connects 2020, Geological Society of America | Deadline August 4
- Twoples Pilot Online Mentoring Program for Mathematics Undergraduates | Deadline Aug 15
- Online Symposium—Music, Mediation, and Disability: Representation and Access | Deadline August 31
- ePoster Presentation Session, ABRCMS | Deadline September 11
- 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference, Sigma Xi | Deadline [poster presentation abstract] October 1

Have an opportunity you would like to share? Submit to Beth Foxwell.
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