The Council on Undergraduate Research is excited to announce that the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) will be held virtually—from wherever is comfortable with a Wifi connection—in 2021. CUR has been monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation for many months and has made the decision that the safest way to hold NCUR is in the digital space.

**So, what does this mean for you?**
You can expect to apply for and attend NCUR just as you would any other year but from the comfort of your home. No traveling or hotels required. You will have the option to present a digital poster, give an oral presentation, showcase an art display or performing arts presentation, and more.

All these details and more will be released in the coming weeks and months. Make sure to check out our [website](#) and keep up to date with any newly released details by [subscribing](#) to our student programs email list.

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**Learn About All 2020-2021 Academic Year Student Programs in our Five in Five Below.**
What Is New in the CUR Student Journals Community?

The Student Journals Community was created to showcase the unique avenues represented in student journals by which emerging scholars can engage with research more profoundly. Student journals often play an integral role in research engagement programs at the institutional level. This community offers a place for those involved in student research journals---students, faculty, librarians, administrators, and others---to share resources, foster discussion of best practices, seek solutions to issues encountered in the operation of student journals, and provide support and networking to such individuals. Have you checked out the latest debuts of undergraduate research journals posted within the community?

- **Discovery: The SMSU Journal of Undergraduate Research** (Southwest Minnesota State University student contributors only)
- **Fenjan: The Middle East Journal** (University of Pennsylvania, open to all undergraduate students)
- **The Haley Classical Journal** (Hamilton College, NY; open to submissions from Classical studies undergraduates from around the world)
- **The Interdependent: Journal of Undergraduate Research in Global Studies** (NYU student and alumni contributors only)
- **Jubilee: Princeton’s Journal of Jewish Thought and Expression** (Princeton University student contributors only)
- **Live Ideas: Undergraduate Primary Texts Journal** (Kansas State University undergraduate and alumni contributors only)
- **McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology** (McMaster University fourth-year student contributors only)
- **PANDION: The Osprey Journal of Research and Ideas** (University of North Florida undergraduate contributors only)

Explore the community today >>

Be the first to know about updates on CUR’s Fall Twitter takeover:
**UR Exchange 2020 and updates on NCUR 2021@Home!**

Subscribe for Student Program Emails
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 >>

Latest Discussions Happening in Our Community

- A member shares preliminary results from a study done to assess the initial impacts of COVID-19 on undergraduate research. Check it out.
- We released our latest undergraduate research story that focuses on summer research done by St. Thomas’ Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program. Read more.
- A member is asking for information and ideas to help create a special interest group for people of color in the biology education and biology education research communities. Share your ideas.

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

Highlights: Member Resource Library

- Adjusting your study habits during COVID from the University of Michigan, Academic Innovation. Prepare yourself for the fall.
- The University of Washington published the Communicating with an Equity Lens article. Read Today.
- Comedy monologue podcast project, Nation & Identity in Spanish Theater: 1788-1931 (University of Portland) Listen in.

We are updating our member resources daily. Continue to check them out!
Have resources you want to share? Send them here.

CUR National Office Spotlight:
Liz Hains

CUR’s National Office Team is composed of talented professionals who are passionate about the work they do and their commitment to providing the highest standard of service for CUR’s members and community. After all, our community is our family here at CUR. We have taken a moment to interview each of our National Office Staff for you all to get to know them a little better. First up is Liz Hains, our Manager for Student Programs.

Be a CUR Leader:
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? Volunteer!

Let CUR shine some light on someone or something that means a lot to the
Q: What is one thing that most people wouldn't know about you?
A: I consider myself a fitness junkie! Exercise is something that is very important to me and has been since I was a child. I have a black belt in American style karate, I've run many road races including one marathon, and am always down to try any kind of fitness class. Read more on her interview!

Volunteer Today

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NEWS OUTSIDE OF CUR

45th Annual Forum on Science & Technology Policy Goes Virtual
The American Association for the Advancement of Science will gather October 13-14, 2020, for an online AAAS Science & Technology Policy Forum to discuss major current challenges affecting science, policy and society, as well as their intersectionality. Registration is free and space is filling up fast. The deadline to register is October 12, 2020, by 12 PM EST. View the current program, get more information, and register here >>

ACS Now Accepting Proposals for PRF Grants
The ACS Office of Research Grants will be accepting proposals for Petroleum Research Fund (PRF) grants to support fundamental research in the petroleum field starting on September 21, 2020, at noon. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM EST on October 16, 2020. Proposals must be directed to fundamental petroleum research, including fundamental research related to petroleum-derived materials in one of ten specified subject matter areas. Grant programs are available for new professors beginning their first tenure track position and also for established tenured or tenure-track professors pursuing a new research direction. Separate grant programs are available for qualified professors in non-doctoral departments. Further information and application forms can be found on the PRF website >>

AAC&U + Project Kaleidoscope: CFP for Virtual Conference
AAC&U and its Project Kaleidoscope invite you to join a virtual STEM Conference, November 5-7, 2020, that will grapple with the undeniable truths, paradoxes, and peculiarities of what is at the heart of the nation's STEM higher education reform enterprise. Through a new lens—shaped by contemporary realities, the 10-year transformation to embody a voice and a force for undergraduate STEM reform, and the co-creation with you of a national agenda—the stage is now set for deeper levels of awareness and examination of the conditions that are required for true reform to take place.

Please submit a proposal that examines the range of contemporary opportunities for—and challenges to—STEM higher education. Through this conference, the aim is to advance an undergraduate STEM education reform agenda that drives innovation, discovery, and revolutionary social change. The deadline is September 15, 2020. Learn More >>

Calls for Papers
• Call for Papers, “Archaeology in a Time of Unprecedented Crisis,” Virtual Conference, Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology | **Deadline September 15**
• Call for Abstracts, 2020 Virtual Symposium on Substance Use Research | **Deadline September 18**
• Call for Abstracts, “Faces of Stigma,” November Virtual International Conference on Stigma, Howard University | **Deadline September 18**
• Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute | **Deadline October 1**
• Call for Submissions, Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research for a special issue, Service Learning and Community-Based Research in a Time of Disruption | **Deadline November 24**

**UR Grant Opps**

• Grants in Aid of Research Program, Sigma Xi | **Deadline October 1**
• Grants (maximum $1,000 ea.) from the American Psychology-Law Society for undergraduate empirical research addressing psycholegal issues | **Deadline October 15**
• Publication Grants, Textbook and Academic Authors Assn | **Deadline October 31**

**Virtual UR Opps**

• Virtual Poster Competition, Louis Stokes Midwest Regional Center of Excellence | **Deadline September 14**
• Call for Posters, Online 15th Annual Autism Conference, Association for Behavior Analysis International | **Deadline September 16**
• 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference, Sigma Xi | **Deadline [poster presentation abstract] October 1**
• Virtual Transnational Literature and Writing Conference | **Deadline October 14**
• Photo Contest, ArcticNet | **Deadline October 23**
• “Pitch It to Win It,” Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Undergraduate Student Competition, American Assn of Textile Chemists and Colorists | **Deadline January 26, 2021**
• 2021 RASC-AL Competition, National Institute of Aerospace | **Deadline March 4, 2021**
• Twenty-First Annual Steel Design Student Competition, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture | **Deadline June 2, 2021**

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