A Word from the CUR Presidents & Executive Officer

The Council on Undergraduate Research serves a broad and diverse community of academic mentors who support and guide the scholarly work of our future leaders. This past year has been exceptionally trying for our community as we have been disproportionately affected by the emotional, physical, and financial impacts of a global pandemic, the continued fight to end institutional racism, and most recently the attack on the U.S. Capitol in an attempt to undermine the results of a lawful election and disrupt the peaceful transfer of power. We are here to support you as you support your students during these difficult times. We believe that the mission and vision of CUR is more timely than ever. Providing our future leaders with the necessary skills to question, collaborate, and communicate thoughtfully, respectfully, and effectively with a broad community will better equip them for an unpredictable future. We are preparing future leaders by building their self-confidence, nimbleness in the face of unexpected obstacles, belief in the need for supporting evidence, and so much more. The more we reach out to diverse communities of students and mentors, the greater the opportunity for impactful societal change. CUR will continue to advocate for increased support to make these opportunities more broadly accessible, provide platforms for sharing, learning, and support, and focus on developing an organizational culture and community that actively prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Silvia Ronco (President), Janice DeCosmo (Immediate Past-President), Jeanne Mekolichick (President-Elect), Lindsay Currie (Executive Officer)

UPCOMING CUR EVENTS & DEADLINES

CUR events are highlighted in indigo, CUR upcoming deadlines are noted in green.

**CUR Fellows Award**
Extended Deadline | January 15, 2021

**Posters on the Hill Submissions**
Deadline | January 22, 2021

**Psychology Division: Undergraduate Student Research or Presentation Award**
Deadline | January 22, 2021

**Engineering Division Mentor Award**
Deadline | January 31, 2021

**Biology Mentor Award**
Deadline for nomination emails | February 1, 2021

**Centering Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in UR + Creative Activity Conference: Abstract Submission Deadline**
Deadline | March 1, 2021

**Biology Mentor Award**
Deadline for student letters & application materials
March 1, 2021

**Social Sciences Mentor Award**
Deadline | March 1, 2021

**NCUR 2021 @Home**
Virtual | April 12-14, 2021

**CUR Dialogues 2021**

**Undergraduate Research Week**
Agenda for CUR Dialogues Released
Are you in the funding and grants seeking process? Are you looking for practical advice or case studies? Want to speak with others who are on the same journey of seeking funding? Get in front of over 20 federal agency and grant funding decision-makers, hear about opportunities, ways to strengthen your proposal, and more at CUR Dialogues 2021. Check out our preliminary agenda and register today >>

Dates Announced: April 27 & 28, 2021
Posters on the Hill (POH) 2021 (Virtual) is a critical element in CUR's advocacy efforts. It is more important than ever that the voice of undergraduate researchers and their mentors are heard on Capitol Hill. This prestigious event celebrates the impressive work of the accepted students and supports messages of the importance of UR at the federal level.

POH 2021 is currently accepting abstract submissions until January 22, 2021. Get the information needed to submit your abstracts and what critical elements will take place during our virtual event >>

Grant-Writing Workshop in February
Do you need support or guidance as you are preparing a grant proposal? Register for our Back-to-Basics (BtB) Workshop on February 23 - 24, 2021 where participants will have an opportunity to work on a plan for their intended project and receive peer and instructor feedback on strengthening the case for funding of their project. Registration closes February 16, 2021. Register today >>

Want to expand your knowledge further and talk directly to federal agency program officers? Check out CUR Dialogues happening February 8 - 19, 2021.

Have You Voted for Your Division's Councilors Yet?
On December 29, 2020, you received an email that included instructions on how to vote for your division’s CUR Councilors including your personal verification code. Please make sure to cast your vote before February 3, 2021, to ensure your voice is represented in your division. If you have questions, please check. View the voting ballot and candidates here >>
Call for Abstracts: June Conference

2020 was full of twists, turns, and eye-opening conversations. Now is the time to put together what you have learned, what you are still discovering, and what you have implemented successfully to help others in the UR community to listen and grow. CUR invites all member and non-member faculty, mentors, administrators, and industry partners to submit an abstract for our upcoming Centering Diversity, Equity + Inclusion in Undergraduate Research + Creative Activity virtual conference on June 23 - 25, 2021. Submit your abstract by March 1 >>

Grow Your Institution’s Library with CUR Publications

CUR now offers licensing agreements for e-publications at a tiered access rate for your perpetual use. Browse the CUR bookstore to grow your institution’s library. Many students and faculty are working remotely this fall. Why not make your library more accessible with our e-publications? Check out our bookstore for individual purchases or email CUR@CUR.org for pricing on licensing agreements.

A Special Welcome to New Members

Dordt University - Enhanced Institutional Membership
Kwantlen Polytechnic University - Institutional Membership
Ohio Wesleyan University - Institutional Membership
Rochester Institute of Technology - Institutional Membership

CUR Biology Division Seeks Candidates for Upcoming Award

The CUR Biology Division Mentor Awards honor biology mentors for their long-term efforts in supervising undergraduate research (UGR) students. Individuals may be self-nominated or be nominated by CUR members of the Biology Division or the mentor’s research students. The deadline for student nominal emails
is February 1, 2021, followed by a March 1, 2021 deadline for self-nominations and nominations by colleagues. Find out more about the award and how to nominate >>

CUR Social Sciences Division Seeks Candidates for Award

Each year, the CUR Social Sciences Division awards a competitive Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research in the Social Sciences (EMURSS) award. This award recognizes an outstanding mentor of undergraduate research in the social sciences who supports, encourages, and promotes a positive and inclusive scholarly and teaching environment for undergraduate students, as well as contributes to the professional and personal development of students. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2021. Find out more about the award and how to nominate >>

CUR Biology Division Recipients of Small Research Grants

The CUR Biology Division selected the following recipients of its small research grants (maximum $250 each), designed to assist undergraduate research mentors in conducting a research project with biology undergraduates:

Paula Checchi, associate professor of biology, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY. Project: Validation and Characterization of a Mutant Generated by CRISPR-Cas9 Genetic Engineering.

John J. Dubé, associate professor of biology, Chatham University, Pittsburgh. Project: Bridging the Gap in Understanding of Physical and Mental Health.

Ava Howard, associate professor of biology, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR. Project: Water Stress of the Dominant Tree Species in Threatened Pacific Northwest Savannah-Woodland Oak Ecosystems.

Joong-Wook Park, associate professor, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Troy University, Troy, AL. Project: Distribution of Waterborne Pathogenic Bacteria in the Mobile Bay Area.

Latest Discussions Happening in Our Community

- A member seeks recommendations on virtual conference platforms. Send your recommendations.
- CUR released This Week in Washington into the community. Read the latest issue.

Check out some of the other 2,000+ discussions happening now. (Members-Only)
Highlights: Member Resource Library

- The University of Wisconsin - Madison released, Avukah: the Podcast. A podcast based on Holocaust education and remembrance. [Listen in.](#)
- CUR’s Health Sciences Division has gathered various resources to help answer questions addressing mental health. [Read now.](#)

We are updating our exclusive member resources daily. Continue to [check them out!](#)
Have resources you want to share? Send them [here](#).

Latest Postings: CUR Job Board

- [Post-Doctoral Researcher, Chemistry Department](#) | Gustavus Adolphus College
- [Director, Center for Teaching and Learning](#) | Boise State University
- [Director, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence](#) | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Join CUR’s [Job Board Community](#). *(Members-Only)*

BE A CUR LEADER: VOLUNTEER OPPS

**Reviewers Needed for POH 2021**

Volunteer to review abstracts submitted by students for Posters on the Hill 2021. If you are a faculty, mentor, advisor, administrator, or graduate student, please consider lending a hand!

**Volunteer**

**Five-in-Five Videos**

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**

**Become a SPUR Reviewer**

**CUR Spotlight**

Let CUR shine some light on someone or something contributing to the UR world. Have
The success of CUR’s academic journal Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research (SPUR) lies in the many dedicated individuals who serve in various roles for the journal. Especially crucial are those who review manuscripts for the journal. If you are interested in serving as a SPUR reviewer, please email SPUR@cur.org and indicate areas of expertise (e.g., assessment).

an idea of someone or something deserving of a nice shout-out in our spotlight series? Email emoris@cur.org.

**News Outside of CUR**

**ACS CHAS February Workshop on Safety Culture**
Join the American Chemistry Society Division of Chemical Health and Safety as they host the workshop, "Empowering Academic Researchers to Strengthen Safety Culture" on February 7, 2021, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. This workshop is $25.00 and designed for graduate students and postdocs working in STEM departments, as well as for faculty and safety professionals interested in supporting the development of Laboratory Safety Teams (LST) and the strengthening of safety culture. The deadline to register is January 29, 2021. Get more information and register >>

**Join the Protein Society for a Free February Webinar**
Join the Protein Society on February 3, 2021, from 12:00 - 2:00 PM ET for the sixth virtual webinar moderated by Chris Bahl, Institute for Protein Innovation. This webinar will focus on the new capabilities in computational protein design and will have four research talks from various research institutes. Register for free today >>

**ACS Office of Research Grants Releases New Information**
The American Chemical Society (ACS) Office of Research Grants will be accepting proposals for Petroleum Research Fund (PRF) grants to support fundamental research in the petroleum field starting at 12:00 PM ET on February 15, 2021, to 5:00 PM ET March 12, 2021. Proposals must be directed to fundamental petroleum research including fundamental research related to petroleum-derived materials in one of ten specified subject matter areas. Learn more about the grant >>

Please note that PRF has moved to a new data system. The new system will allow applicants to enter the proposal information previously included in downloaded forms directly through the web-based portal. Only the process is changing; the information is exactly the same as that which was required on the forms. Once the submission window is open, principal investigators and/or grant officers can add information and save as they work through the application process and do not have to prepare an entire submission package before engaging the system. An ACS Network User ID, which may be obtained free of charge, is required to access the system. Contact prfinfo@acs.org to register for the 1:00 PM ET webinar reviewing the new application process on January 21, 2021.
Virtual UR Presentation & Paper Opps

- “Pitch It to Win It,” Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Undergraduate Student Competition, American Assn of Textile Chemists and Colorists | Deadline January 26, 2021
- NYU American Public Policy Review | Deadline January 31, 2021
- Call for Abstracts, “Sustainable Production to Advance the Circular Economy,” ACS Green Chemistry Institute’s 25th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference | Deadline February 15, 2021
- Call for abstracts, 2021 Virtual Central California Research Symposium | Deadline February 17, 2021
- Call for submissions, 2021 Virtual Convention, Assn for Psychological Science | Deadline March 1, 2021
- Call for Papers, Dies Legibiles: An Undergraduate Journal of Medieval Studies | Deadline March 2021
- 2021 RASC-AL Competition, National Institute of Aerospace | Deadline March 4, 2021
- Call for abstracts, Virtual Diversifying Scholarship Research Conference, University of Virginia | Deadline March 15, 2021
- Call for Abstracts, Student Assembly, 2021 Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association | Deadline March 21, 2021
- Raymond J. Cunningham Prize, American Historical Assn (for best article published in a journal written by an undergraduate student) | Deadline May 15, 2021
- Twenty-First Annual Steel Design Student Competition, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture | Deadline June 2, 2021

Internship and Research Opps

- 2021 Summer Internships, Sanford Underground Research Facility | Deadline January 20, 2021
- 2021 Summer Internships, PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies, Montclair State University | Deadline January 21, 2021
- 2021 Great Lakes REU, Central Michigan University | Deadline January 29, 2021
- 2021 Summer Internship Programs, National Academy of Social Insurance | Deadline January 29, 2021
- 2021 REU in Translational Ecology, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies | Deadline January 29, 2021
- 2021 Computationally Driven Experimental Biology Summer Program, Virginia Tech/Colorado State University | Deadline January 31, 2021
- 2021 Summer Program for Undergraduate Research, University of Utah | Deadline January 31, 2021
- Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups, US Department of Transportation | Deadline January 31, 2021
- 2021 IRIS Summer Internship Program | Deadline February 1, 2021
- 2021 REU in Computational Biology, Rosetta Commons | Deadline February 1, 2021
- 2021 REU in Physics, Purdue University | Deadline February 1, 2021
- 2021 REU, Boulder Solar Alliance | Deadline February 1, 2021
- 2021 PARADIM Materials Discovery REU, Cornell University | Deadline February 1, 2021
- Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program, UC Santa Cruz | Deadline February 1, 2021
- 2021 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Translational Neurobiology, Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, Virginia Tech | Deadline February 1, 2021
- 2021 Summer Internship Programs, Van Andel institute | Deadline February 1, 2021
- 2021 Meharry Cancer Summer Undergraduate Research program (for undergrads in biomedicine) | Deadline February 5, 2021
- 2021 Virtual Summer Internships, Poster House | Deadline February 5, 2021
- 2021 REU in Chemistry, West Virginia University | Deadline February 5, 2021
- 2021 Research Internships in Ocean Sciences, Rutgers University | Deadline February 7, 2021
• Arctic REU Greenland, Concord University | Deadline February 7, 2021
• Undergraduate Summer Research Internship, Center for Precision Medicine, Wake Forest School of Medicine | Deadline February 8, 2021
• 2021 Robots in the Real World REU, Oregon State University | Deadline February 10, 2021
• 2021 REU in Mathematics, CSU San Bernardino | Deadline February 11, 2021
• Native American Research Internship, University of Utah (for third- and fourth-year Native American undergraduates in biomedicine or health sciences) | Deadline February 12, 2021
• 2021 REU in New Generation Resilient Infrastructure, Virginia Tech | Deadline February 12, 2021
• 2021 REU in Agronomy, Rainfed Agricultural Innovation Network, Kansas State University | Deadline February 12, 2021
• NSF BIT SURE REU, North Carolina State University Biotechnology Program | Deadline February 14, 2021
• 2021 REU, Shannon Point Marine Center, Western Washington University | Deadline February 14, 2021
• 2021 Alcohol Research Training Summer School and Internship, University of Missouri | Deadline February 15, 2021
• 2021 REU in Climate Change Science, UNC Asheville | Deadline February 15, 2021
• 2021 REU in Astrophysics, West Virginia University | Deadline February 15, 2021
• 2021 REU in Microbiology, University of Iowa | Deadline February 15, 2021
• 2021 REU in Nuclear Physics, Old Dominion University/Jefferson Laboratory | Deadline February 19, 2021
• 2021 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Molecular Visualization, Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, Virginia Tech | Deadline February 21, 2021
• 2021 Undergraduate Summer Research Internship, Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program, Virginia Tech | Deadline February 22, 2021
• Summer 2021 National Security Undergraduate Intern—Computing and Analytics, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory | Deadline February 26, 2021
• 2021 REU in Statistical Modeling with Applications to Geoscience, Florida Tech | Deadline March 1, 2021
• Mellon Scholars Program and Mellon Scholars Summer Workshop (for advanced undergraduates), Program in African American History, The Library Company of Philadelphia | Deadline March 1, 2021
• 2021 REU in Robotics, West Virginia University | Deadline March 12, 2021
• Medical Student Research Program Internship, Van Andel Institute | Rolling reviews in March 2021
• 2021 Summer Internships, Transportation Security Laboratory, US Dept of Homeland Security | No application deadline listed.

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

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