The CUR President’s Quarterly is an update straight from the 2021-2022 CUR President on what is happening in CUR, behind the scenes, and with the CUR community. These quarterly’s take place in a recorded video interview located on the CUR YouTube channel. From the executive board to CUR members these messages will keep the undergraduate research community aware of the information, events, news, publications, and happenings of CUR.

The Quarterly schedule will be January, April, and June 2022. If you are interested in sending in questions to potentially be asked to the CUR President, please note the deadlines on the CUR Volunteer page.
A process beginning August 20, 2020, charged by the 2020-2021 CUR President, Silvia Ronco, to the CUR Undergraduate Research Definition Task Force, was to revise the CUR definition of undergraduate research to reflect the current spectrum of undergraduate research activities and to make it more inclusive of a wide representation of student and mentor demographics, types of institutions and disciplinary fields to align with the priorities outlined in the 2020-2025 strategic plan. After a review of options and rich discussion over the goals of the framing language, the following framing language and revised definition of undergraduate research was adopted by the CUR Executive Board from the recommendations of the CUR UR Definition Task Force:

Undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry is fundamentally a pedagogical approach to teaching and learning. With an emphasis on process, CUR defines undergraduate research as: A mentored investigation or creative inquiry conducted by undergraduates that seeks to make a scholarly or artistic contribution to knowledge.

Find out more about this definition and the importance of undergraduate research, here.

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Psychology Mid-Career Mentoring Award
Deadline | October 15, 2021

NCUR 2022 @home Early-Bird Abstract Submission Deadline
Deadline | October 20, 2021

NCUR 2022 @home Volunteer to be an Abstract Reviewer
Deadline | October 20, 2021

REU Symposium
Virtual | October 25, 2021

CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award
Deadline | November 1, 2021

Psychology Undergraduate Student Research or Presentation Award

Health Science Innovative Mentor Award
Deadline | December 31, 2021

Health Science NCUR Presentation Award
Deadline | December 31, 2021

CUR Dialogues
Early-Bird Registration Deadline | December 31, 2021

NCUR 2022 @home Discounted Registration Deadline #2
Deadline | January 31, 2022

CUR Dialogues
Virtual | February 14-18, 2022

NCUR 2022 @home Volunteer for Cohort Facilitator
Deadline | February 21, 2022
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### NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the 2022-2023 leadership year. Serving in a leadership position with CUR gives you the opportunity to directly influence the organization and shape the future of undergraduate research. Opportunities are available to leverage a variety of expertise and interest levels. Positions open include Division Councilor for all 13 divisions; President-Elect; General Representative for the Executive Board; and Council Representative for the Executive Board. Learn the importance of the CUR governance elections, why you should self-nominate/nominate a colleague, and upcoming deadlines, [here](https://cur.informz.net/MailingDesignerSvc/OnlineVersion/preview/mailing/1044576[10/7/21, 11:42:18 AM]).

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### VOLUNTEER

CUR volunteers are key to supporting our mission and division activities. With a busy calendar of upcoming events and more, there are a variety of opportunities for those who wish to get more involved.

**Become an Abstract Reviewer.** NCUR receives and accepts thousands of student abstracts in all academic disciplines. We are recruiting reviewers from all disciplines. If you are an administrator, faculty member, mentor, postdoctoral scholar, or graduate student, you are eligible to review student abstracts. [Learn more >>](https://cur.informz.net/MailingDesignerSvc/OnlineVersion/preview/mailing/1044576[10/7/21, 11:42:18 AM])

**Become a Discipline Cohort Facilitator.** NCUR is seeking volunteers to serve as disciplinary cohort facilitators during the virtual event. Faculty, administrators, mentors, advisors, post-doctoral scholars, and graduate students are eligible to serve in this capacity. [Learn more >>](https://cur.informz.net/MailingDesignerSvc/OnlineVersion/preview/mailing/1044576[10/7/21, 11:42:18 AM])
Facilitate an Upcoming CUR Conversation. CUR Conversations are informal, intimate discussions based on hot topics requested by members. We are always looking for volunteer facilitators to contribute their time for a one-hour chat. If interested in facilitating a conversation, please email emoris@cur.org.

Posters on the Hill Abstract Reviewer On October 15, 2021, abstract submissions will open for the upcoming 2022 Posters on the Hill event. This prestigious event celebrates the impressive work of the accepted students and supports the messages of the importance of undergraduate research at the federal level. Learn more >>

Spotlight a Student or Your Institution Has your student recently been published, won an award, or completed their research? Has your institution written a piece about undergraduate research that you would like to be highlighted in our monthly release? Send in your research stories that highlight student projects and presentations, curricula changes that integrate undergraduate research, innovations in institutional culture that support undergraduate research, and other related pieces regarding undergraduate research. Let us celebrate you >>

CFP, “Impediments to Student Success,” CEA Critic Call for papers, “Impediments to Student Success,” spec. issue of The CEA Critic: Journal of the College English Assn. The deadline is October 25, 2021. Submit today >>

Upcoming Student Research Conference Register by November 1 for the 2021 Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference. Join us online November 4–7 for an immersive four days of research presentations, awards, networking forums, and more. Members and non-members from across the globe are invited to attend this international forum for students and professionals across all disciplines of the research enterprise. The meeting and conference, including the STEM Art and Film Festival and the College and Graduate School Fair, will be held online in a dynamic virtual environment. Visit sigmaxi.org/amsrc to learn more and register today!
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NSF Opportunities
The following is a round-up of some opportunities from the National Science Foundation:

- Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases | Deadline November 24, 2021
- Partnerships for Research and Education in Physics (for minority-serving institutions) | Deadline January 21, 2022
- Community Facility Support: Synchrotron-Based Analytical Capabilities Advancing Earth and Environmental Sciences Research and Training | Deadline March 4, 2022

Virtual UR Presentation & Paper Opps

- Call for Papers, 12th National Conference on Earthquake Engineering | Deadline October 15, 2021
- Call for Proposals, “History Unmasked,” 2022 Virginia Forum | Deadline October 15, 2021
- Call for Proposals, International Academic Conference on the Sustainable Development Goals, Utah Valley University | Deadline November 1, 2021
- Call for Abstracts, April 2022 Technical Meeting, Rubber Division, American Chemical Society | Deadline November 6, 2021
- Call for Abstracts, 2022 Indigenous Borderlands in North America Symposium, University of New Mexico | Deadline November 10, 2021
- Call for Proposals; “Literary Geographies: Space, Place, and Environments”; Conference on Christianity and Literature, Biola University | Deadline November 15, 2021
- Call for Submissions, Second Railroads in Native America Gathering and Symposium | Deadline December 15, 2021
- Call for Papers, The Reed Undergraduate Journal of Existentialism, St. Olaf College | Deadline January 31, 2022
- Call for Papers, 2022 Virtual International Conference on Social Media and Society | Deadline January 31, 2022
- Call for Submissions, JOSHUA: Journal of Science and Health, University of Alabama | Deadline February 28, 2022

Internship & Research Opps

- Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program | Deadline November 1, 2021
- Visiting Scientist Program, Counterterrorism, and Forensic Science Research Unit, FBI | Applications reviewed on a rolling basis

Want to discover more opportunities or would like to share one of your own? Check out our internship and research opportunities and paper and presentation opportunities.

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