Institutionalization of Undergraduate Research at the City University of New York System

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CUNY is the largest urban university system in the USA. The CUNY system has 11 4-year schools and 7 community colleges engaging almost 270,000 students.

Many of our colleges are minority-serving institutions and over 50% of our students are from ethnic minorities that are underrepresented in STEM disciplines. Over 40% of our students come from households earning less than $20,000 per year and nearly 50% are the first in their families to attend college.

The CUR workshop to institutionalize undergraduate research at CUNY took place on April 27-29, 2012.

The workshop, which took place on the campus of The City College of New York was attended by faculty representatives from all 11 4-year schools.

Next Steps
- Office of undergraduate research at each CUNY school
- Develop research in the classroom initiatives across disciplines at each college
- Increased funding for undergraduate research through grant support from national agencies
- Develop CUNY Undergraduate Research Council as a forum to share best practices