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### **What is your leadership experience in CUR and outside of CUR?**

I have been serving as a council member in the CUR Health Science Division for several years. During this time period, I have reviewed the abstracts submitted to the CUR annual conference, participated in the diversity discussions, and attend division meetings. Outside of CUR, I have served as the President of the North America Chinese Society for Nutrition (2019-2020), and chair of the Nutritional Science and Metabolism Research Interest Group of the American Diabetes Association (2020-2022). While serving on those leadership roles, I have worked with my colleagues on the leadership teams and successfully organized symposiums and webinars to serve our professional communities.

### **Why are you interested in serving on the NVC and how does your past experience with CUR and or other organizations support your role on NVC?**

The mission of CUR is to support and promote high-quality mentored undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry. The CUR elected officers in different divisions and committees are vital components for the success of CUR mission. Careful and critical evaluation or examination is the first step for the sustainability and accomplishment of CUR mission. Therefore, the role of Nominations Vetting Committee is critical for the success of CUR mission. I would like to be part of this and contribute the CUR mission. My past experiences with CUR allow me to understand CUR missions and the activities that it organized to advance the undergraduate research in the nation. My roles in other organizations help me to understand the challenges in th fields of health sciences and the importance of undergraduate research to train the next generation of researchers and health professionals in the future. All these will allow me to support the activities of vetting committee.

### **How will you represent and advance CUR-wide interests (please reference the CUR Mission and Strategic Plan)?**

The CUR just released its 2020-2025 strategic plan. My presence on the vetting committee will help the establishment of diversity, equity, and inclusion as I believe this is an important part for a successful CUR and for the undergraduate education in the nation. In addition, I will try to facilitate collaborations in the health science community, which is a diversified community covering students and faculty members from bench to bed sides. Undergraduate research is a vital part of undergraduate education for students, leadership and advocacy are vital parts for its success. As I have been working with undergraduate students in my institute, I will be able to understand the needs of the field and of the students. I will make sure the missions of CUR are served through selection of appropriate members for each committee. In addition, I am working in the nutritional science field, which is a good example of diversity. My presence will help to establish partnerships among institutes and communities.