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2023 CUR e-NEWS
November 10, 2023

NOVEMBER IS... CUR THANKFUL MONTH.



"Being a part of CUR has been invaluable for my career development. It's provided me with a space to ask questions and learn from other experts in the field, attend training for key skills, and share my work with others. Now, I give back to the community through serving on working groups, co-creating resources for the student resource center, and co-writing an article to submit to SPUR."

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Amanda B. MacDonald
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University | Member Since 2019



UPCOMING CUR EVENTS & DEADLINES

CUR events are in **indigo**, and CUR deadlines are in **green**

ConnectUR 2024 Submission Window Opens

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

NCUR 2024 Early Bird Registration Deadline

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

MCS Seminar - Mentor of the Year Presentation

Transforming Institutional Practices through Inclusive Undergraduate Research in Data Science and Emerging

Technologies for Solving the Grand Challenges

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

at 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM ET

Grant Dialogues

February 13-16, 2024

Social Sciences Faculty Excellence in Mentoring of UR Award Deadline

Friday, March 1, 2024

CUR Nominations for Board of Directors Close

Friday, December 1, 2023

Social Sciences Inspiring Creation in the Social Sciences Award Deadline

Friday, March 1, 2024

NCUR 2024 Submission Deadline

Friday, December 8, 2023

Grant Dialogues Early Bird Registration Deadline

Friday, December 15, 2023

NCUR Future Fair Early Bird Registration Deadline

Sunday, December 31, 2023

**CUR Nominations for Councilor + Division
Representatives Close**

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Arts and Humanities Faculty Mentor Awards Deadline

Monday, January 15, 2024

Trimmer Travel Fund Award Deadline

Monday, January 15, 2024

ConnectUR 2024 Submission Window Closes

Monday, January 22, 2024

NCUR 2024 at Long Beach, California

April 8-10, 2024

Undergraduate Research Week

April 15-19, 2024

**Voices of Impact: Stories from Our Participants, Expert
Insights, and the Path Forward - STR Showcase**

Thursday, April 25, 2024

at 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM ET

CUR Award Celebration

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

at 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM ET

**Social Sciences Undergraduate Conference Awards
Deadline**

Rolling Deadline



Download the Fall 2023 Issue of SPUR Today

Your latest member benefit is here! The Fall 2023 issue of Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research (SPUR) has been released. Visit the issue page to download the full issue or individual articles for personal use. Inside this issue of SPUR you'll find these two open-to-read articles for you to share with colleagues:

- *Venturing into Qualitative Research: A Practical Guide to Getting Started*
- *SUREbytes: Presenting Early-Year Undergraduate Students with Videos on Research Topics*

Visit the SPUR Fall 2023 page here >>

**Gain Insights from a 2023 MCS Mentor of the Year
Awardee**

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 3:00-4:00 PM ET, the Mathematical, Computing, and Statistical Sciences (MCS) Division is hosting a presentation and conversation with Padhu Seshaiyer, one of this year's MCS Faculty Mentor awardees entitled *Transforming Institutional Practices through Inclusive*

Undergraduate Research in Data Science and Emerging Technologies for Solving the Grand Challenges. [RSVP for this Free Event Here >>](#)



Looking for Information on the Funding + Grant Process?

The process of securing funding for your research or program initiatives can present some challenges, but it can be a manageable and rewarding journey with some guidance. Grant Dialogues 2024 is here to provide solutions and support. This event brings together grant experts, federal agency program officers, and other funders to help you navigate the world of grants and funding. Whether you're just starting or need assistance along the way, we're here to guide you on your funding journey. [Explore Standard and Guided Registration Rates >>](#)



Encourage Your Researchers to Submit an Abstract by December 8 for NCUR 2024

Students from all disciplines should consider submitting their research presentation to NCUR 2024 in Long Beach, California for the opportunity to gain national recognition, foster professional development, contribute to their field's knowledge, enhance their resume, and expand their professional network. [Submission Link for Students >>](#)

Faculty and mentors are encouraged to submit to participate in new mentored sessions that are intended for students, faculty, and/or staff to attend. Through these presentations, mentors share their invaluable insights, mentorship experiences, and research initiatives, illuminating the path for ambitious student researchers, inspiring ideas for other mentors who may attend, and celebrating the spirit of undergraduate research. [Submit as an Undergraduate Research Faculty or Mentor >>](#)

Save the Date: Submissions Open for ConnectUR on November 15

CUR welcomes submissions that reveal what is on the horizon for students, faculty, and institutions in undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry. The theme for this year's conference is Undergraduate Research: What's Next? CUR encourages submitters to share insights on how undergraduate research has, could, or will become a tool for future exploration. [Explore Proposal Topics and Formats >>](#)



Nominations for CUR Thought Leadership Close Jan 3, 2024

CUR Divisions cover a wide range of disciplines working to continue to develop and support URSCI. The work of Divisions is done by Division Representatives who advance undergraduate research by providing networking opportunities, activities, and educational content. Their aim is to create and foster community and value within the organization. Representatives support the members of their division in activities and programs that align with the CUR strategic plan, mission, vision, and values. [Self-nominations are open until January 3, 2024 >>](#)

"Being a CUR Councilor means being a part of a gifted community of scholars and researchers who passionately strive to shape the future by investing their time and talent in preparing our undergraduate researchers to rise, shine, and lead. Being a CUR Councilor has blessed me with a two-fold gift. First, discovering the avenues that I needed to explore, and second, discovering the opportunities to give back for shaping a better future."

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Hasseeb A. Kazi, PhD
Trine University | Member Since 2012

Looking for Leaders Who are Committed to Advancing the Strategic Plan and Goals of CUR

The Board of Directors is the highest governance body of CUR. Its leadership consists of those within the CUR President pipeline, and the Board of Directors led directly by the CUR President. All Directors are fiduciaries who steer the organization toward a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by making sure the nonprofit has adequate resources to advance its mission. [Self-nominations are due by December 1, 2023 >>](#)

News from CUR Partners

You Deserve a Holiday Purchase--Upgrade Your UR Life with ForagerOne

Check out our new Lite and Enterprise offerings for a much merrier holiday season. Visit <https://foragerone.com/> or contact team@foragerone.com for more info.



Beckman Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Beckman Scholars

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation announces the 25th anniversary of the **Beckman Scholars Program**, an institutional award program that has given \$36+ million in funding support for mentored undergraduate research at 140+ colleges and universities across the country since its inception. Through December 2023, the Foundation marks #BSPTurns25 milestone with a **special campaign** including:

- Scholar Spotlights – The Beckman Friday Feature, a monthly magazine-style piece focused on awardee research, Q&A

conversations, throwback photos, videos, slideshows, and rotating headers.

- Social Media – Current Scholars share #ADayintheLife on Instagram, and past Scholars talk #ScienceCareers on LinkedIn.
- Online Content – Messages from the Executive Director and Board Chair, infographic, and interviews with the Program Administrator.

Please join us in taking a deeper look at this program, its impact, and the personal stories of diverse Scholars who got their start in the research lab through this amazing program.

Featured Undergraduate Research Highlight

Week-Long Workshop Prepares Undergraduate Students for Graduate-Level Research

Discover one of the ways that Illinois State University advances the professional academic

Be Our Next Featured UR Highlight

Has your institution written about your student's experiences in undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry? Use the button below to share your story.

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Student Opportunities

Internships and Research Opps

- Mellon Humanities Collaboratory
- Professional Opportunities for Student Workforce to Experience Research 2024
- Summer Undergraduate Research Program
- Undergraduate Clinical Scholars Program

Paper and Presentation Opps

- Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium

CUR Community Buzz

Latest Discussion Posts

- Summer Research Stipends
- Storage Systems for Letters of Recommendation
- Transdisciplinary or Convergent Research

Latest on the Job Board

- Asst. Professor in Biology at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Asst. Professor of Health at Stetson University
- Asst. Professor in Biology at the University of the South in Seawanee



NCUR 2025 to Take Place in Pittsburgh

The Council on Undergraduate Research has selected the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to hold the 2025 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). In partnership with Duquesne University and the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education, NCUR 2025 will be an opportunity for undergraduate students and their mentors from around the country and the globe to present their research, celebrate their successes, and prepare for the future.

Read the full press release >>

"As an early career faculty member, the CUR community provided me with a network of guidance and support that helped me to build confidence and set me along a path of professional development to become a better research mentor, undergraduate research director and leader. I am thankful for my mentors and colleagues within the CUR organization for helping me to become the passionate leader I am today, both within CUR and at my home institution."

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Karen K. Resendes
Westminster College | Member Since 1998

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