



SCHOLARS TRANSFORMING THROUGH RESEARCH

CUR's Advocacy Program

The STR Program was developed to broaden participation amongst all undergraduate research programs and disciplines allowing for engagement from students at varied stages of the undergraduate research process. They will learn valuable skills in communicating the impact of their undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry experience to a variety of audience members and stakeholders.

GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

The STR Program is a valuable resource for teaching your undergraduate research students communication tools for translating research into understandable language while also communicating the impact, potential impact, and opportunities this research can have. Participants will serve as CUR Advocacy Ambassadors and learn how to advocate for the impact of research with media contacts, community members, funding agencies, and governmental representatives.



COMMUNITY NETWORK

This expanded format will allow for participants to extend their reach beyond Capitol Hill, elected officials, and event attendees. As a participant of the STR Program, CUR Advocacy Ambassadors will have a community to connect with as they continue their journey as civically engaged researchers.

APPLY AS A TEAM

This program will provide an opportunity for institutional teams to apply. Teams must consist of a campus representative team lead – faculty or mentor – and up to three undergraduate research students who are currently enrolled in or have previously completed an undergraduate research experience - no matter the discipline. **Submissions are due by September 20, 2024.**

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

There will be various virtual check-in points and training meetings happening from our kick-off in November to each month until March. Trainings are on topics such as policy brief writing and how to connect and build relationships with Policymakers.

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Your fifth training session and Hill visits will take place in-person on March 2-3, 2025 in Arlington, VA. The in-person training will be held for the entire team and wrap up the previously learned training sessions with additional research and prep a full day of Hill visits with their respective Policymakers.