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The Next Four Weeks of CUR Events and Deadlines

CUR events/offerings are in blue and CUR deadlines are in green

National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in Pittsburgh, PA

Monday, April 7, 2025 - Wednesday, April 9, 2025

A Long View of UR: Alumni Perspectives webinar

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

URP Division Exemplary Website Award Deadline

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

ConnectUR 2025 Early-Bird Registration Deadline

Friday, April 18, 2025

CUR Conversation: Teacher Research Thinking and Reasoning AI

Monday, April 21, 2025 at 4:00 - 5:00 PM ET

URP Exchange: Cultivating a Research Mindset on Campus

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

Implementing an Alternative Model of URE webinar

Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

"I am only starting to work in the office of UR, so it was an amazing opportunity to learn from people who have been engaged in UR for some time."

- Participant from 2024 ConnectUR

"I can't pick just one memorable moment. I participated in the networking event during the virtual portion and that was great. And during the in-person, one-on-one conversations on common topics were great."

- Participant from 2023 ConnectUR



Top Five Reasons to Attend ConnectUR

1. **Get Inspired:** With the theme of "The Power of UR: Solutions for a Better World" you'll leave ready to face the future.
2. **Networking + Connections:** From Divisional open houses to receptions, plus the unplanned hallway and online chats, you'll leave better connected with the URSCI

community.

3. **Professional Development:** ConnectUR has over 140 presentations, workshops, and panel discussions, you'll leave ready to improve UR excellence to your campus.
4. **Top Notch Plenaries:** From alumni and AI to frameworks and the future, you'll leave better equipped.
5. **Perfectly Priced:** Register by April 18 to get early-bird rates. Better yet, register for the Bundle which is priced at the onsite rate. You'll leave knowing you invested in yourself wisely.

ConnectUR 2025 Registration options and schedule-at-a-glance >>



- CUR congratulates its 2024 Campus-Wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA) awardees: St. Catherine University and West Virginia University. [Read the full press release.](#)
- The AURA award recognizes institutions with exemplary programs that provide high-quality research experiences for undergraduates. **Letters of Intent** to be considered for the 2025 AURA Award are due by July 24, 2025.
- We currently have **open CUR Divisional awards** from the Engineering, Geosciences, and URP divisions. Make sure you nominate a colleague or researcher.
- Undergraduate Research Week (URW) is April 21-25, 2025. Daily challenges will be posted on our URW webpage and via social media. Make sure to **add how your institute celebrates undergraduate research** to our list of URW activities.
- The **new issue of SPUR** explores a wide range of topics including mentoring, science identity, career readiness development, and hands-on activities to increase undergraduate research positivity.



Your voice matters. Legislators need to hear directly from those who see the impact of this funding every day. Please take a few moments to send a letter—it's a simple yet powerful way to advocate for the future of undergraduate research. Share with us how you are advocating for undergraduate research at advocacy@cur.org

[Customizable Advocacy Letter + Find Your Representatives](#)

- See the full slate of CUR's [upcoming educational programming](#).
- What can we learn from alumni about the impact and ROI of undergraduate research? Find out at [A Long View of UR: Alumni Perspectives on Inquiry, Belonging, and Vocation](#).



- Get the help your looking for on maximizing the benefits of 'reasoning AI' while minimizing its risks with **Teacher Research Thinking and Reasoning AI**.
- Register today for the final URP Exchange for this academic year, **Cultivating a Research Mindset on Campus**.
- A team at Oregon State University designed, implemented, and studied an alternative inclusive undergraduate research experience model aimed at lowering barriers to access for underrepresented and non-traditional students. Attend **Implementing an Alternative Model of URE** to engage with the authors.



In Memoriam: Dr. Angela Brew

Dr. Angela Brew was the head of the academic development at the University of Portsmouth (UK), an associate professor at the University of Sydney, and emeritus professor at Macquarie University (Australia). She planted the seeds for the establishment of Australasian Council for Undergraduate Research (ACUR) in 2009 and chaired ACUR until the end of 2024. Angela also contributed to planning the first World CUR conference.

"Angela Brew's contributions to the undergraduate research community have been profound and far-reaching. Through her international engagement, she advanced our global understanding of research-based learning and empowered institutions and educators worldwide to foster deeper student involvement in the research process. She was a champion for inquiry, mentorship, and the transformative power of undergraduate research, leaving a lasting impact on generations of scholars across continents. Her legacy will continue to inspire and shape the future of undergraduate research on a global scale." - Lindsay Currie, CUR Executive Officer

Meet **AWSOM**

Come meet with us at **NCUR 2025**, April 7-9,
Exhibitor Space 507

Click to sign up for our next
Admissions Webinar on May 1 at 4 p.m. CST.

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