



## Join Us In Welcoming Our New and Rejoining Institutional Members

**New:** Tallahassee State College and the United States Air Force Academy

**Upgrading to Enhanced Membership:** Seattle University and the University of North Texas at Dallas

**Rejoin:** Baldwin Wallace University, Central College, CUNY Queensborough Community College, Colorado School of Mines, Florida Southern College, Fordham University, Mercy University, University of California-Davis, University of North Alabama, University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown Campus, and Westfield State University.

Check out our other institutional memberships [here](#).

Is your institution not a member? Do you hold an individual membership? **Join today.**

## UPCOMING CUR EVENTS & DEADLINES

CUR events are in indigo and deadlines are in green

### Perspectives on Excellence in Undergraduate Research from Four Engineering Division Leadership and Mentorship Award Winners Webinar

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 2:00-3:00 PM ET

### SPUR Virtual Office Hours with Patricia A. Mabrouk, SPUR Editor-in-Chief

Monday, September 30, 2024 at 1:00-2:00 PM ET

### Biology Division Student Travel Grants Fall Deadline

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

### How Can I Get More Involved with CUR? Taking that Next Step to be an Elected Leader webinar

Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 2:00-3:00 PM ET

### Community Hour: An Online Gathering for CUR Members hosted by the CUR DEI Committee

Friday, October 18, 2024 at 3:00-4:00 PM ET

### Social Sciences Division Undergraduate Conference Awards Fall Deadline

Thursday, October 31, 2024

### ConnectUR 2025 Submission Window Opens

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

### National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2025 Volunteer as a Abstract Reviewer Deadline

Friday, November 15, 2024

### CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award 2024 Deadline

Friday, November 15, 2024

### National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2025 Submission Window Closes

Friday, December 6, 2024

### ConnectUR 2025 Submission Window Closes

Friday, January 17, 2025

## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is unlike other meetings of academic professional organizations. This conference offers a unique environment for the celebration and promotion of undergraduate student achievement in all disciplines; provides models of exemplary research, scholarship, and creative activity; and offers student career readiness development. This year, NCUR is being held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from April 7-9, 2025.

NCUR 2025 is now accepting abstract from students and faculty. Start exploring the NCUR 2025 submission guidelines and submit an abstract today! The deadline to submit is Friday, December 6, 2024.



### Submission Form + Guidelines



- Do you have an idea for a SPUR article, a theme you'd like SPUR to explore, or feedback you'd like to share? Join SPUR's Editor-in-Chief, Patricia A. Mabrouk, for **SPUR Virtual Office Hours** on Monday, September 30 at 1PM ET.
- Join members from the CUR Nominations and Leadership Development Committee as they open up conversations on the organizational structure and how you can take the next step in becoming an elected leader. **How Can I Get More Involved with CUR? Taking that Next Step to be an Elected Leader** webinar takes place on October 17 at 2PM ET.
- Want to connect? The CUR DEI Committee invites all CUR members to **Community Hour** on Friday, October 18 at 3 PM ET. Attend and to learn about ways to stay connected, meet colleagues, and explore collaborative opportunities.
- CUR is now accepting submissions for the **CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award**, which recognizes faculty mentors who conduct their research in a STEM discipline and have mentored a minimum of three Goldwater Scholars during their career.
- **This Week in Washington**, posted in the CUR Community on Monday mornings, this publication provides an overview of upcoming federal legislative events, hearings, webinars, and resolutions that affect CUR and its members.

*\*CUR Member Exclusives are benefits that are accessible to those who hold a CUR membership. If you are not a CUR member, we welcome you to [join here](#).*



- RSVP for **Perspectives on Excellence in Undergraduate Research**. This free webinar is hosted by the CUR Engineering Division, but open to entire URSCI community.
- Have students doing research in Biology? Check out how they can apply for the **Biology Division Student Travel Grants**.
- CUR's **Social Sciences Division Undergraduate Conference Awards** are now accepting submissions from undergraduate researchers.



**Q:** How do you get your undergraduate researchers excited for the new academic year?

**A:** Now that I run programs, we try to energize students through early professional development and orientation sessions and also rely on mentors to set the tone and build enthusiasm for the learning that is going to happen.

- Lance Barton, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
CUR Board of Directors Member & CUR Biology Division Representative

Want to be featured in eNews? Contact Meredith Rector at [mrector@cur.org](mailto:mrector@cur.org) to schedule a quick interview.



- The latest issue of *Reinvention: An International Journal of Undergraduate Research* features research presented at WorldCUR/BCUR 2023.
- The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) invites CUR members to **provide suggestions** on additional technologies that would be useful to biomedical researchers if incorporated into the institute's programs.
- Dr. Janet Branchaw at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is leading a research study to create a cross-disciplinary research trainee development framework and is **seeking feedback** on a draft of the cross-disciplinary framework.

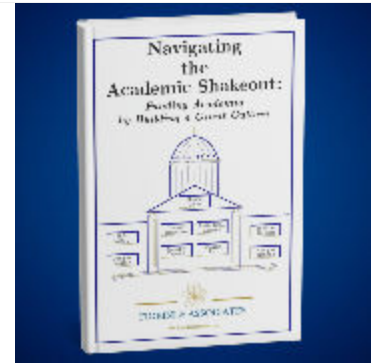
## News from Undergraduate Research Supporters

Applications are now open for Wege Prize, an international team-based competition where students identify a problem and work to develop a circular design solution built on the three principles of a circular economy: eliminate waste and pollution, keep products and materials in use, regenerate our natural systems. Teams move through up to four phases working to further develop their solution with feedback from experts in in design, the circular economy, material science, agriscience, sustainable business, and more. Finalist teams present their ideas in Grand Rapids, Michigan in May (travel stipend provided) and compete for \$65,000 in cash awards. Applications are due October 6. [Click to learn more and view the application.](#)



“Navigating the Academic Shakeout: Funding Academia by Building a Grant Culture” is a comprehensive look at building a transferable and sustainable grant culture, important because traditional academic financial sources are disappearing. Faculty can foster self-sufficiency through effective grantsmanship, which provides the best opportunity to enhance

resources, develop programs, and enrich student experiences. "Navigating" is more than the simple step-by-step guide. It is a playbook for the grant landscape, easily customizable to any context without underplaying the depth required for establishing a robust attitude toward grant pursuit. The authors—a consortium of academic and industry professionals with over a century of combined experience—share their knowledge of how the process works, accompanied by real-life examples and practical assignments that will maximize an institution's chances of long-term success. Available at [Barnes & Noble](#) and [Amazon](#).



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