



Join Us in Welcoming Our New and Rejoining Institutional Members

New: Miami Dade College, Ohio University - Honors Tutorial College, New Mexico State University - Dona Ana Community College, Marquette University, Southern New Hampshire University, Point Park University.

Rejoin: Whitman College, Middle Georgia State University, Rowan University, Florida Southwestern State College, University of Hawaii at Hilo, University of Findlay, Rockhurst University, Springfield College, University of Tulsa, City Colleges of Chicago - Harry S. Truman College, University of Nevada Las Vegas.

CUR EVENTS and DEADLINES for February through April

CUR event information are in indigo and CUR award deadlines are in green

Biology Division Student Travel Grants Deadline

Friday, February 14, 2025

Biology Division Mentor Awards Deadline

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Academic Matchmaking: Best Practices in Forming Peer Networks

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

URP Exchange: Summer Program Assessment and Evaluation

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

Health Sciences Division NCUR Presentation Awards Deadline

Friday, February 28, 2025

Social Sciences Division Inspiring Creation Award Deadline

Friday, February 28, 2025

Social Sciences Division Faculty Excellence in Mentoring of Undergraduate Research Award Deadline

Friday, February 28, 2025

SPUR Office Hours with SPUR's Editor-in-Chief

Monday, March 3, 2025 at 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

NCUR 2025 Registration Deadline

Friday, March 7, 2025

Arts and Humanities Division Student Scholarship Deadline

Monday, March 31, 2025

Biology Division Small Research Grants Deadline

Monday, March 31, 2025

Engineering Division Leadership and Mentorship Awards Deadline

Monday, March 31, 2025

Health Sciences Division Innovative Mentor Award Deadline

Monday, March 31, 2025

MCS Division Inclusivity Award Deadline

Monday, March 31, 2025

MCS Division Mentor Awards Deadline

Monday, March 31, 2025

Social Sciences Division Undergraduate Conference Awards Deadline

Monday, March 31, 2025

Adapting Access: Building Resilience in Inclusive Practices

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

Geosciences Division Award for Excellence in Student Research Deadline

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Community Engagement Meeting 2025:**CUR's Annual Business Update**

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

Enhancing Undergraduate Research Success with the COEUR 2.0 Assessment Toolkit

Wednesday, March 12 at 3:00 - 4:15 PM ET

Silvia Ronco Innovative Mentor Award Deadline

Friday, March 21, 2025

CUR Conversation: How to Leverage Social Media with CUR

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA

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

URP Division Awards to Recognize Exemplary URP Websites Deadline

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Undergraduate Research Week (URW) 2025

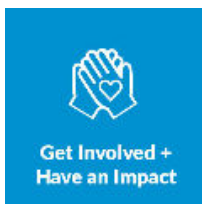
Monday, April 21, 2025 - Friday, April 25, 2025

"Advocacy efforts inspired the founding of CUR and remain a strategic priority in advancing undergraduate research. In 2024, ongoing resources, programs, and events demonstrate advocacy matters. ... CUR also has an Advocacy Committee in which members address federal, state, local, and institutional advocacy while Division Representatives cultivate relationships with disciplinary associations. Working together amplifies our individual and collective CUR voices on behalf of undergraduate research."

- Maria Iacullo-Bird | CUR President 2024-2025



Advocacy Resources Below



CUR is busy working on your behalf; we are in meetings, taking calls, and telling the story about the importance of URSCI. We know these times are uncertain and while we don't have clear answers for you yet, this community is here alongside you. We are hearing your voices and we will keep doing the work necessary to advocate for undergraduate research, you, and your students. Here are some advocacy resources you may find helpful.

- ***This Week in Washington*** provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, DC that affect American education. *TWIIW* is posted into the CUR Community every Monday morning that Congress is in session. (*CUR Member Benefit*)
- On Wednesday, February 5, 2025, the House Education and Workforce Committee held its first hearing in the 119th Congress on *The State of American Education*. You can find a **House Hearing Summary** [here](#). (*CUR Member Benefit*)
- State governments have significant influence over higher education policies, funding, and initiatives that directly impact undergraduate research programs. To support your efforts in advocating for undergraduate research within your state, we are excited to share this video resource: **Advocacy at the State Level**. We hope this video inspires you to take action in your state and provides the guidance you need to make a difference. (*CUR Member Benefit*)
- Download the 2024 **CUR Advocacy Toolkit** to gain a collection of materials, resources, and advice to help you tell the story of your undergraduate research to

leaders and stakeholders in your community. (*CUR Member Benefit*)



- Register and join the URP Division for their February **URP Exchange** on Best Practices in Assessing Summer Research programs. Recordings of previous URP Exchanges can be found on the **URP Division webpage**.
- The **Education Division** has released a new recordings on their webpage: Enhancing Undergraduate Research in Special Education
- Learn more about these open CUR Divisional awards:
 - **Arts & Humanities Student Scholarships**
 - **Biology Mentor Awards**
 - **Biology Small Research Grants**
 - **Biology Student Travel Grants**
 - **Engineering Leadership and Mentoring Awards**
 - **Geosciences Award for Excellence in Student Research**
 - **Geosciences Early Career Undergraduate Mentor Award**
 - **Geosciences Faculty Mentor Award**
 - **Health Sciences Innovative Mentor Award**
 - **Health Sciences NCUR Presentation Award**
 - **Mathematical, Computing, and Statistical Sciences Inclusivity Award**
 - **Mathematical, Computing, and Statistical Sciences Mentor Award**
 - **Social Sciences Faculty Excellence in Mentoring of UR Award**
 - **Social Sciences Inspiring Creation Award**
 - **Social Sciences Undergraduate Conference Awards**
 - **Undergraduate Research Programs Awards to Recognize Exemplary URP Websites**



"In a time of rapid change and complex challenges, it can be difficult to navigate the evolving landscape of higher education, research, and community impact. That's why coming together matters now more than ever. At the 2025 ConnectUR Conference, we'll explore how undergraduate research can be a force for positive change—on our campuses, in our communities, and beyond. Whether you're a faculty member or administrator, this event is a space to share ideas, find support, and collaborate with others who are on the same journey."

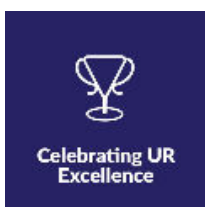
- Tsu-Ming Chiang | Chair of the Annual Conference Advisory Group

[Learn More About ConnectUR 2025](#)



- **ConnectUR 2025** provides a platform for attendees to engage in professional development, explore innovative practices, and collaborate with peers dedicated to advancing impactful research programs. Participants will gain valuable strategies to enhance the research environment at their institutions, build stronger communities, and contribute to a national movement that champions the role of undergraduate research in addressing real-world challenges.
- Make sure to register for these upcoming CUR webinars

- **Academic Matchmaking: Best Practices in Forming Peer Networks** - February 25 at 3 PM ET
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- **How to Leverage Social Media with CUR** - March 25 at 2PM ET
- **Adapting Access: Building Resilience in Inclusive Practices** - April 1 at 3PM ET
- Add your voice to these discussions happening in the **CUR Members Community**. (*CUR Member Benefit*)
 - "After Hours" Work for Undergrads
 - S-STEM Evaluator
 - Federal Freeze Affect on Summer UR
 - Funding Student Conferences/Symposia



- Nominate a colleague for the **Silvia Ronco Innovative Mentor Award**. This Award recognizes original and insightful research work by a young investigator working with undergraduates in chemistry.
- Attend the **Community Engagement Meeting** to hear what CUR has been up to in the past year and opportunities for future engagement.
- **Undergraduate Research Week** is April 21-25, 2025. Take a minute to share any upcoming celebrations, symposia, and more that will be happening on your campus.
- CUR has released its **2024 Year In Review**. Enjoy, celebrate, and join us in looking forward to the impact we can have on 2025.
- Has your institution recently written an article about one of your undergraduate researchers or your research program? We'd love to share that with our members as a **Featured UR Story**. Email the article to Todd at twaggoner@cur.org and we'll share it via the CUR website and social media platforms.



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