



The Next Four Weeks of CUR Events and Deadlines

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

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

Designing an Undergraduate Research Project in the Health Sciences

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

NCUR 2025 Registration Deadline

Friday, March 7, 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

Author Insights: Getting Started with UR: A Workbook for First-Year Students

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

URP Exchange: Best Practices in Engaging First-Year Students in Research

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

Silvia Ronco Innovative Mentor Award Deadline

Friday, March 21, 2025

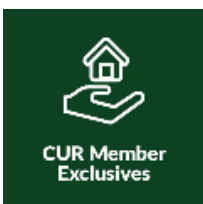
CUR Conversation: How to Leverage Social Media with CUR

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

A Message from CUR's President, Maria Iacullo-Bird

"The last several weeks have been tumultuous, confusing, and disruptive as the new Presidential administration pursues executive actions and policies that challenge cultural, political, and governmental norms. Updated daily by our advocacy partner, Bose Public Affairs Group, CUR is tracking federal developments to assess how unfolding change is impacting research, higher education, and nonprofits, and is attending key meetings with federal agency staff and representatives. Concurrently, CUR is engaged in daily and weekly communication with association networks and nonprofit and educational leadership to share information and strategies, and is joining sign-on letters and coalitions. We already are seeing negative impacts on institutional budgets, staffing, and research capacities for funded projects. CUR is committed to keeping our membership updated about advocacy activities through the CUR eNews and special communications. The CUR Community Member Forum is a safe and supportive space for our members to ask questions and exchange information."

Read Maria's full advocacy update to CUR Members



- ***This Week in Washington*** provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, DC that affect American education. *TW/W* is posted into the CUR Community every Monday morning that Congress is in session.
- Be on the look out for your **CUR Membership renewal invoices**, which will be sent next week. The CUR Community looks forward to continuing to support your campus faculty, mentors, administrators, and students in the upcoming membership year.
- Attend the **Community Engagement Meeting** to hear what CUR has been up to in the past year and opportunities for future engagement.
- 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.
- 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.



We have a breadth of free content for our CUR Members this spring. Click on the links below for event details and registration links for these upcoming CUR webinars.

- **Academic Matchmaking: Best Practices in Forming Peer Networks** - February 25
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- **Enhancing Undergraduate Research Success with the COEUR 2.0 Assessment Toolkit** - March 12
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- **CUR Conversation: How to Leverage Social Media with CUR** - March 25
- **Adapting Access: Building Resilience in Inclusive Practices** - April 1
- **Author Insights: A Long View of Undergraduate Research: Alumni Perspectives on Inquiry, Belonging, and Vocation** - April 15
- **CUR Conversation: Teacher Research Thinking and 'Reasoning' A.I.** - April 21
- **Author Insights: Implementing an Alternative Model of URE** - May 8
- **CUR Conversation: Incorporating Archival Work into Undergraduate Research** - May 14

The Power of Undergraduate Research: Solutions for a Better World

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.



ConnectUR 2025 Onsite, Online, & Bundle Options



- Register for the URP Division's upcoming URP Exchange. February's topic is on **Assessing Summer Research Programs** and March's theme is on **Engaging First-Year Students**.
- The Health Sciences Division invites you to their webinar on **Designing an Undergraduate Research Project in the Health Sciences**.
- Learn more about these open CUR Divisional awards:
 - **Arts & Humanities Student Scholarships**
 - **Biology Small Research 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**

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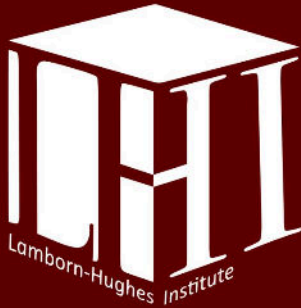
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Clinic I: The Idea, March 28
Clinic II: The Concept, April 4
Clinic III: The Proposal, April 11
Clinic IV: The Future, April 18



The Association for Undergraduate Education at Research Universities (UERU) invites participation in its August 5-7, 2025 Lamborn-Hughes Institute held on campus at Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

This year's Institute faculty includes CUR past president, Bethany Usher. We also anticipate several Institute teams with an interest in advancing undergraduate research on their respective campuses.

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