Swarthmore College and CUR

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Before we start

Please note that all connections will be muted, but you may unmute at any time.

You may also put your questions into the chat.

The session will be recorded.
OUR NEW MISSION:
The mission of the Council on Undergraduate Research is to support and promote high-quality mentored undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry.
CUR Today

Advocates

Faculty & Mentors

Students

Institutions

Partners

Volunteers

WE ARE CUR
2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

LEADERSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Provide intellectual leadership for the field of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

- Develop a culture and community that actively prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion.

ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Strengthen shared commitments to the value and role of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Create an organizational culture of continuous evaluation and assessment that balances responsibility and sustainability.

COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY

- Build models of collaboration, cohesion, community, and impact that reach across CUR.

COUNCIL ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
Undergraduate Research

• “An inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate student that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.”
We are Community.
Have you connected with your CUR community through our online forum? CUR has provided a place for knowledge exchange, content curation, idea incubation, and professional networking. See how your community has grown in 2019.

Who are our members?

- Arts & Humanities: 1,281
- At-Large: 1,361
- Biology: 1,496
- Chemistry: 1,081
- Education: 417
- Engineering: 550
- Geosciences: 248
- Health Sciences: 809
- Math & Computer Sciences: 704
- Physics & Astronomy: 365
- Psychology: 1,062
- Social Sciences: 1,300
- UR Programs: 1,046
- Undeclared*: 2,192

*See where you stand and update your profile.

We are Mentoring.

- 79 Library Resources

Top Acquired Items:
- Basic Practice Instructions for Developing a Poster
- Rules to Review Research Grant Applications
- Managing Citations
- Improving Citations
- Seeking Research Support
- Promotion of Outreach

735
13,911
12,846
1,065

2019
Discussion Posts
Job Posts

200
650

2019 Top Community Components

- Ann Buechter, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Joanne DeCesare, University of Washington
- Linda Eldredge, University of Arizona-Catalina
- Karen Doolin, University of Illinois at Springfield
- Alexa Land, Utah State University

We are CUR
Divisions

AHUM
ATLG
BIOL
CHEM
ENGN
MACS
PSYC
GEOS
SOCS
PHAS
URPD
EDUC
HSCI

WE ARE CUR
Governance

Executive Board sets vision and strategic plan

Councilors are the governing body and facilitate many CUR programs

Members from 13 divisions
Membership Benefits

When previously surveyed, CUR members said top three needs:

Network with Others
Learn Best Practices
Showcase our Activities
Network with Others

EXPLORE
SEE WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS TO OFFER.
Everyone benefits when diverse ideas and perspectives are shared. But how do you know how to share them if you aren’t sure where to start? Take a tour of the community and see all the benefits you can take advantage of.

TOUR THE COMMUNITY >>
Network with Others

• CUR Conversations
• URExchange

• Undergraduate Research Programs Conf.
• CUR Biennial Conference
• CUR Dialogues
HAVE YOU HEARD:  
#CURinACTION IS VIRAL!

So how do you get on the train as well? Thanks to our National Office and many volunteers, in 2019, CUR released its “Why's, When's and How’s on Social Media Platforms.” Through social media, those in the undergraduate research community can share information, stimulate discussion, discuss problems, seek support, nurture collaboration, and build connections as they work to advance the undergraduate research enterprise at local, regional, national, and international levels. CUR members advocate for undergraduate research and the organization itself in both their personal and professional lives, including in the social media sphere.

Check out our social media guidelines by joining our Social Media Community today!

Don’t forget to follow us @CURinAction

Make sure we see your trending news!  
#UndergraduateResearch #URW2020 #POTH2020  
#STEM #AcademicTwitter #Mentoring

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Learn Best Practices

Member Resource Library

I AM CUR. YOU ARE CUR. WE ARE CUR.
Resources for the evolving undergraduate research community.

Stay up-to-date on the latest with our eNews. SUBSCRIBE

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Webinar Archive

Enhanced members receive complimentary access to our online archive of Webinars. Other interested individuals can contact Robin Howard to make payment to access the materials as well. Available titles are listed below:

- Achieving an Institution-Wide Culture and Practice in Undergraduate Research: Best Practices from the AURA 2018 Awardees (May 22, 2019)
- Assessment Strategies for Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (June 13, 2018)
- Achieving an Institution-Wide Culture and Practice in Undergraduate Research: Best Practices from the AURA 2017 Awardees (May 15, 2018)
Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research  

The Journal of the Council on Undergraduate Research

A peer-reviewed publication and the flagship journal of CUR
WHAT TO SUBMIT TO SPUR:

- Articles of general interest to SPUR readers, including international perspectives
  - Submit any time

- Invited articles connected to a themed issue
  - Invitations result from CFP process

- Invited vignettes relevant to a themed issue
  - Invitations result from CFP process
  - All articles are peer-reviewed
Showcase our Activities

Featured Undergraduate Research Stories

- June 24, 2018
  Gone fishing: Hamilton Dam removal offers research opportunities for wildlife biology

- June 17, 2019
  FSU Senior Nia Harmon

- June 10, 2019
  Taking Flux Puppy for a walk: NAU undergraduate research team develops ecological app for measuring carbon dioxide

VIEW MORE STORIES
Showcase our Activities
Showcase our Activities

Newswise Press Release Service

Publicize Your Program and Events!

Newswise is an academic news distribution service that provides media with news leads submitted by members. Journalists receive this news by subscribing to an emailed Daily Wire. From the wire, they review news releases and decide whether or not to follow up on any leads and contacts.

CUR Institutional Members may submit releases to this news service by sending them to Elizabeth Foxwell. The press release must be related to the mission of CUR, explicitly mention undergraduate research, or mention the Council on Undergraduate Research. CUR reserves the right to decline a post for any reason.
Showcase our Activities

- **Student Resources – List your Offerings**

  **Student Resources**
  - Registry of Undergraduate Researchers
  - Undergraduate Journal Catalog
  - Undergraduate Presentation Opportunities
  - Undergraduate Research Opportunities
  - Undergraduate Research Highlights

- ~400 Journals
- **Growing List of Presentations**
- **Post REU, Summer Fellowship**
National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Multi- and inter-disciplinary, NCUR offers a distinctive experience to all attendees.

Particularly helpful for rising juniors – large conference (4000) – 100+ grad schools

Images pictured are from the 2018 NCUR event at the University of Central Oklahoma
CUR and Advocacy

- DC Metro Area
- Legislation
- Council on Undergraduate Research
- Bose-Washington Partners
- Advocacy Committee
- Divisions
- Professional Societies
- Member Institutions
- Other

Local, Regional, National collaborations to raise the profile of CUR
Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research

Provides a guide for those who wish to build, evaluate, and maintain productive, meaningful and sustainable undergraduate research programs

A summary of best practices that support and sustain highly effective undergraduate research environments
Campus-wide Award for Undergraduate Research (AURA)

Recognizes higher-education institutions that have successfully implemented some of the characteristics of excellence, have devised exemplary programs to provide high-quality research experiences to undergraduates, and have evaluated the success of these programs.

The depth and breadth of the institutional commitment to undergraduate research as well as the innovative nature of a sustained, exemplary program are important criteria for award selection.
CUR Program Review and Consultation Services

Expert network of consultants available to:

- Undertake departmental reviews, including undergraduate research offices (often for strategic plan assessment, accreditation)
- Conduct customized on-campus institutes and consulting on college-wide/institution-wide education transformations
Electronic Resources

- **Website:** [https://www.cur.org](https://www.cur.org)

- **CUR Community (must log-in to CUR membership):** [https://community.cur.org/home](https://community.cur.org/home)

- **Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/CURinAction/](https://www.facebook.com/CURinAction/)

- **LinkedIn:** [https://www.linkedin.com/company/1651217/admin/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/1651217/admin/)

- **Twitter:** @CURinAction
Thank You
Website Walkthrough