



TAKE ACTION

CUR is proud to be a partner in the Advocate & Amplify campaign, a coordinated national effort to urge Congress to support strong, sustained funding for federal science agencies in response to the President's proposed FY26 budget.



You understand firsthand how critical federal investment is to sustaining undergraduate research, building access to opportunity, and advancing innovation across all disciplines. We now have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to speak out.

This simple tool, developed by the American Physical Society (APS) and its partners, makes it easy to send a message directly to your representatives. Your voice as an educator, researcher, mentor, and student advocate can help preserve and expand the vital infrastructure that supports undergraduate research and learning. **Take action by using the tool.**

Let's show policymakers the widespread support for science funding—and for the future of research and education.

The Next Four Weeks of CUR Events and Deadlines

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

Implementing an Alternative Model of URE webinar

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

Geosciences Early Career Mentor Award Deadline

Sunday, June 1, 2025

CUR Conversation: Incorporating Archival Work into Undergraduate Research

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

Geosciences Faculty Mentor Award Deadline

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Proposal Writing Institute 2025 Registration Deadline

Friday, May 30, 2025

CUR Conversation: Undergraduate Research and the Public Humanities

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

ConnectUR Onsite or Bundle Regular Rate Deadline

Friday, May 30, 2025

ConnectUR Onsite or Bundle Final Registration Deadline

Friday, June 6, 2025

Proposal Writing Institute

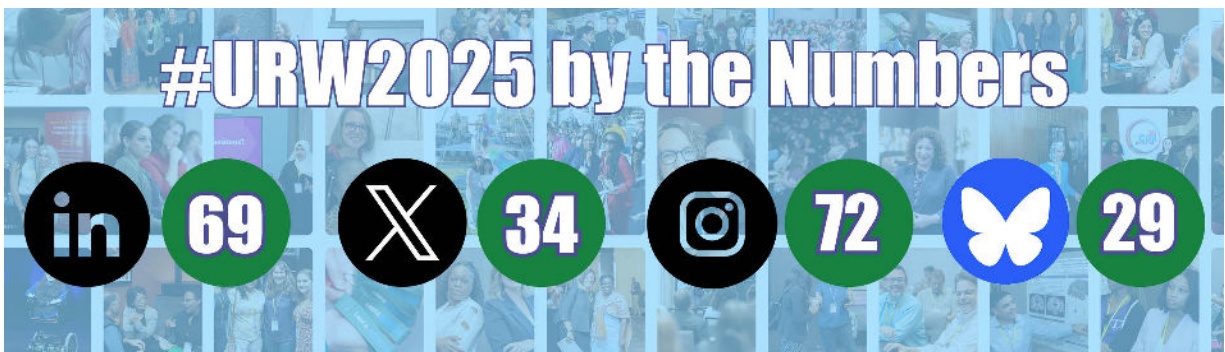
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In today's evolving federal landscape, staying ahead of changes in funding priorities and proposal strategies is more important than ever. To assist you in writing your grant proposal, PWI will discuss key trends, common pitfalls, and best practices for securing support for your projects. Together, we can adapt, innovate, and continue advancing the important work that drives discovery, scholarship, and societal impact.

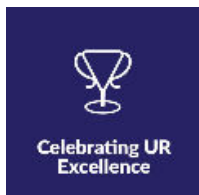
Schedule-at-a-Glance + Registration



- A team at Oregon State 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 and see if it would work for you.
- **Incorporating Archival Work into UR** will demystify the process of incorporating archival resources in the classroom and how using archival resources can achieve high-impact results for undergraduates. Open to all but ideal for faculty/mentors in the humanities, social sciences, STEM faculty, and librarians.
- What are the best practices for working with community-based partners? Join **UR and the Public Humanities** to hear from the Council of Independent Colleges, which over the last five years has funded 49 campus projects that combined undergraduate research and public-facing humanities activities.



*To better communicate and celebrate all that CUR and you are doing in advancing the importance and impact of undergraduate research, CUR is now on **Bluesky** and **Instagram** in addition to **LinkedIn** and **X/Twitter**. Make sure to follow us on these social media platforms to stay up-to-date between eNews releases.*



- **Undergraduate Research Week 2025** was a huge success! Thank you to all who sent in Featured UR Stories, celebrated their institutional events, and participated with us our social media prompts. (Special shout out for **this LinkedIn post** which made us cry.) Mark your calendars for URW 2026, which will be April 20-24.
- Congratulations to the two 2025 CUR Fellows recipients, Amelia Ahern-Rindel (University of Portland) and Winny Dong (California State Polytechnic University -

Pomona) [Read the full press release.](#)

- Dr. Oliva Carr Edenfield (Georgia Southern University) has been selected as the 2025 CUR Arts & Humanities Faculty Mentor Awardee. [Read the press release here.](#)
- 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.
- The Geosciences Division is accepting nominations for its Early Career Mentor and Faculty Mentor awards. [Details for each award here.](#)

"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



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 more 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:** Whether you register for Onsite Only, Online Only, or the Bundle, you'll leave knowing you invested in yourself wisely.

[ConnectUR 2025 Registration options and schedule-at-a-glance >>](#)

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