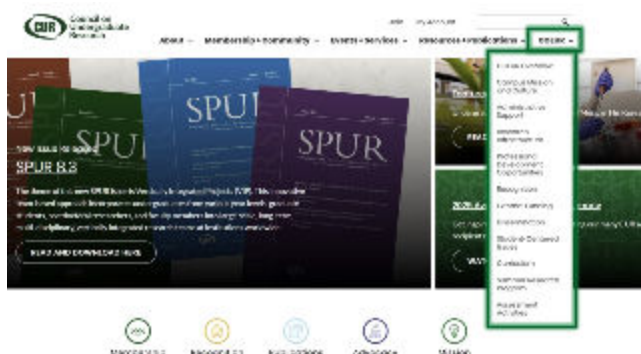




### Looking for resources to implement and enhance the Characteristics of Excellence at your institution?

Check out our new COEUR webpages on the CUR Homepage. Each page provides recommended CUR webinars, resources, publications, and SPUR articles for each of the 11 Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research.

## Want to Teach Your Students the Impact of Research Beyond the Walls of a Classroom?

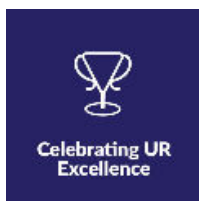
Send in a submission for **Scholars Transforming Through Research (STR)**, CUR's advocacy professional development opportunity for institutional teams of a faculty/mentor and up to 4 undergraduate researchers.



### Learn How to Become a Civically Engaged Researcher



- **Be a Champion for Undergraduate Research:** CUR members can now easily make their voices heard. The Take Action advocacy tool allows you to send personalized, automated messages to your Senators and Representatives in just a few clicks.
- **Join the Annual Conference Advisory Group:** Fill out the application by July 31, 2025 to learn more joining the advisory group that ensures that the CUR Annual Conference fosters meaningful learning, professional development, and community building.
- **Championing UR in Uncertain Times:** Make sure to read this editorial from the CUR Executive Committee featured in the latest issue of SPUR. It's open-to-read for all, so make sure to share with colleagues and friends.

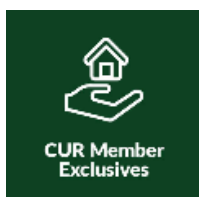


- **Now Accepting Nominations:** The CUR-Goldwater Faculty Mentor Award honors faculty in STEM who have mentored 3+ Goldwater Scholars. Nominations are due by November 14.
- **Deadline Approaching:** The AURA award recognizes institutions with exemplary programs that provide high-quality research experiences for undergraduates. Letters of Intent to be considered for the 2025 AURA Award are due by July 24, 2025.
- **New Featured UR Story:** A dynamic undergraduate research program helps a student find harmony between his passions for music and science.
  - Has your institution recently highlighted your program or students? [Email Elizabeth Moris](#) with the link the story to become a future Featured UR Story.

## A Welcome from CUR's 2025-26 President

*"I am excited to work with a great team to not only maintain CUR as the national voice of undergraduate research, but also, to ensure CUR's leadership in the dynamically changing landscape of higher education."*

- James LaPlant | CUR President 2025-2026



- **SPUR 8.3 Released:** The theme of this new SPUR issue is Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP). This innovative team-based approach incorporates undergraduates from various year levels, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty members into large-scale, long-term, multi-disciplinary, vertically integrated research teams at institutions worldwide.
- **Community Hot Topics:** Plenty of discussions happening in the CUR Community including: Research Offices and IRB/IACUC, Research Faculty Mentor Databases, Undergraduate Research Recognition, and more.
- **Renew Your Membership:** As the landscape of higher education continues to shift, CUR is actively advocating for undergraduate research, developing new resources and models to help it thrive in all settings, and championing the work you do every day. By renewing your CUR membership by August 15, 2025, you stay connected to a community of colleagues who are navigating these changes together—with shared purpose, proven strategies, and unwavering support.

## On-Demand Learning Courses Coming This August

Be on the look out for information on these course, which will be posted to [www.cur.org](http://www.cur.org) soon.

Course contributors are Anne Boettcher and Brandi Taylor.

## ***Adaptive Strategies for Funding Undergraduate Research***

Looking for practical strategies to sustain and grow undergraduate research at your institution? Start here. This foundational module guides you through identifying funding sources, navigating common restrictions, and building strategic, mission-aligned partnerships to secure long-term support for student research initiatives.

## ***Measuring Impact and Assessing Undergraduate Research***

Learn how to assess and improve undergraduate research programs using a practical, data-driven approach. Explore the full assessment cycle, common challenges, and real-world examples. Discover how to define outcomes, collaborate with key data partners, and communicate results that drive meaningful change.



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