



Don't Let This Be Your Last eNews -- 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. If you haven't done so already, renew your CUR membership and stay connected to a community of colleagues who are navigating these changes together—with shared purpose, proven strategies, and unwavering support.

Upcoming CUR Events and Deadlines

NCUR 2026 Submission Window Opens

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Biology Student Travel Grants Deadline

Friday, October 10, 2025

SPUR Office Hours with the Editor-in-Chief

Monday, September 15, 2025 at 5:00 - 6:00 PM ET

Psychology Mid-Career Mentoring Award

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

STR 2025-26 Submission Window Closes

Friday, September 19, 2025

How Can I Get More Involved with CUR? Taking that Next Step to be an Elected Leader webinar

October 22, 2025 at 4:00 - 5:00 PM ET

CUR Conversation: Undergraduate Research and the Public Humanities webinar

Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award Deadline

Friday, November 14, 2025

Unlock the Next Level of Your Professional Development

CUR's two new on-demand learning courses on **Assessment** and **Funding** are designed for flexibility and impact. These self-paced courses provide practical strategies and expert insights to equip you with the tools to lead with confidence.



Start Learning on Your Schedule



- **The NCUR 2026 Website is Now Live:** Although the abstract submission window doesn't open until September 9, the NCUR website is now available, allowing you to begin preparing. Explore our website to discover all the important dates for NCUR 2026.
- **What are the best practices for working with community-based partners?** Join UR and the Public Humanities on October 9 at Noon ET 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.
- **Do you have an idea for a SPUR article?** Or perhaps a proposal for a themed issue? Maybe you have feedback on your experiences as a reader, author, or reviewer? We'd love to hear from you on September 15.
- **Looking for resources to implement and enhance the Characteristics of Excellence at your institution?** CUR webinars, SPUR articles, and related CUR resources are provided for each of the 11 Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research. These links are found in the top menu bar of our website.



- **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.
- **Add Your Expertise to This NIH Request:** The National Institutes of Health is proposing to develop and implement a new policy to maximize the value of each research grant by limiting allowable publication costs. Fill out this anonymous form by September 15.
- **STEM Advocacy Monthly Pulse Checks:** Join our advocacy partner (Bose Public Affairs Group) for 30 minutes on the first Thursday of each month this fall by registering for The STEM Talk. These monthly pulse checks will equip you to champion STEM initiatives in today's dynamic environment.
- **Take that Next Step and Become a CUR Elected Leader:** Join members from the CUR NLDC committee on October 22 to discuss how and why you should take the next step in becoming an elected leader and the importance of giving back to your undergraduate research community.
- **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.

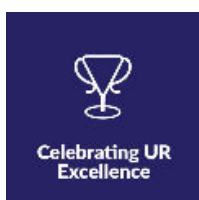
Join CUR's Advocacy Program: Scholars Transformed Through Research

"I am excited to apply my STR training. I think this information is really empowering and very key in furthering the importance of research"

- Elizabeth Twakor | Augusta University | 2024-25 STR Graduate



Empower Your Students to Become Civically Engaged Researchers



- **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.
- **Do you have Biology Researchers Presenting this Fall?** The Biology Division is offering a limited number of travel grants, up to \$250 each, for undergraduate students presenting original biological research at discipline-specific regional or national meetings.
- **Calling all Psychology Mid-Career Mentors:** Apply today for the Psychology Mid-Career Mentoring Award, honoring those who have demonstrated leadership in their research on UR or through projects with undergraduates.
- **New Featured UR Story:** Meet the Pasadena City College Nanostars, whose work in DNA nanotechnology is building the materials of the future.
 - Has your institution recently highlighted your program or students? **Email Elizabeth Moris** with the link to the story to become a future Featured UR Story.



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