



The Next Four Weeks of CUR Events and Deadlines

CUR Conversation: Undergraduate Research and the Public Humanities Webinar

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

Biology Student Travel Grants Deadline

Friday, October 10, 2025

Psychology Undergraduate Student Research or Presentation Awards Deadline

Friday, October 10, 2025

Social Sciences Undergraduate Conference Presentation Award Deadline

Friday, October 10, 2025

URP Exchange: AI in/and Undergraduate Research

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

Psychology Mid-Career Mentoring Award

Wednesday, October 15, 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

ConnectUR 2026 Submission Window Opens

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

CUR's Strategic Plan Twenty30

“The launch of CUR's Twenty30 Strategic Plan is more than a roadmap—it's a promise to our community. By strengthening leadership, expanding advocacy, and driving excellence in undergraduate research, this plan will help us create a more connected, innovative, and impactful future. Together, we will ensure that every student has the opportunity to grow through research and every mentor has the support to guide them.”

James T. LaPlant | CUR President 2025-26



Explore CUR's Strategic Plan Twenty30

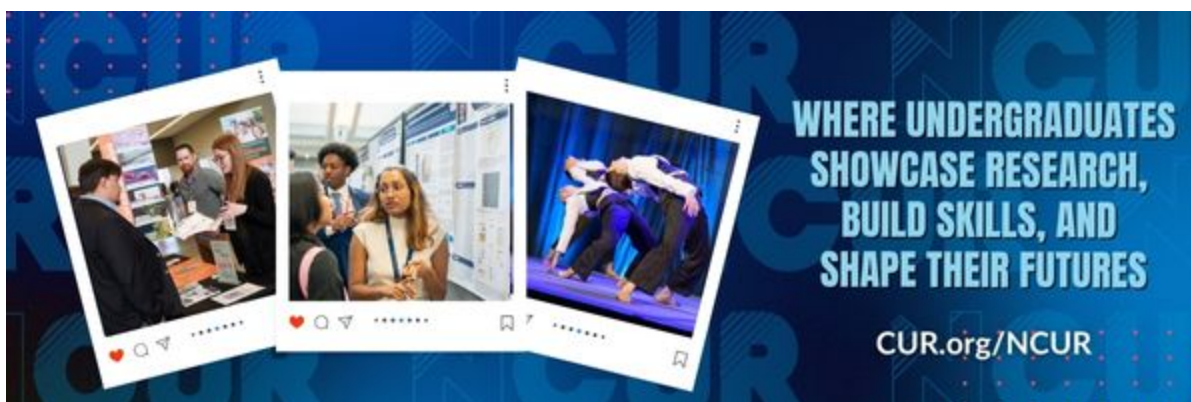
- **Join Our Vibrant Community of Leaders:** CUR is now accepting nominations for elected volunteer leadership positions. This is a unique opportunity to gain national leadership experience, collaborate with colleagues, and help guide the future of your organization.



Get Involved +
Have an Impact

- **Have Questions about becoming a CUR Elected Leader?** Join members from the CUR Nominations and Leadership Development 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.
- **Take 1 Minute and Advocate for UR Funding:** As Congress continues to finalize the FY26 budget, federal funding for undergraduate research is being debated. With CUR's advocacy letter form, it will take you just one minute to email your members of Congress to urge them to support strong research funding.
- **Abstract Reviewers Needed for NCUR 2026:** NCUR receives thousands of student abstracts every year, so we require hundreds of abstract reviewers. If you are an administrator, faculty mentor, postdoc, or graduate student, you are eligible to review abstracts.

Have Your Students Submitted to NCUR 2026?



NCUR 2026 Submission Guidelines



Knowledge
Exchange

- **What are the Best Practices for Working with Community-Based Partners?** Join UR and the Public Humanities on October 9 to hear from the Council of Independent Colleges, which has funded campus projects that combined research and public-facing humanities activities.
- **URP Exchange: AI and UR:** Save October 14 on your calendars to join the URP division for another great URP Exchange, this time to discuss the role AI has and will have in undergraduate research.
- **Unlock the Next Level of Your Professional Development:** CUR's on-demand learning courses on *Assessment* and *Funding* are developed for flexibility and impact and present practical strategies and expert insight to equip you with the tools to lead with confidence.
- **Four Divisional Awards Closing in October:** Encourage your researchers to apply for the open student awards from the Biology, Psychology, and Social



Sciences Divisions. For mentors, the Psychology Division is receiving applications for its mentoring award.

- **Calling All Mentors of Goldwater Scholars:** Nominations are being accepted for the CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award, which recognizes faculty mentors who conduct STEM research and have mentored a minimum of three Goldwater Scholars. Apply by November 14.
- **New Featured UR Story:** Undergraduates at Bentley University serve as consultants for cancer care startup as part of honors capstone course.
 - Has your institution recently highlighted your program or researchers? **Email Todd Waggoner** with the link to the story to become a future Featured UR Story



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