



Upcoming CUR Events and Deadlines

Grant Dialogues Early-Bird Deadline

Friday, December 12, 2025

Trimmer Travel Fund Award Deadline

Friday, January 16, 2026

Member Mentoring Program Working Group Application Deadline

Monday, December 15, 2025

URP Exchange: Best Practices in UR Program Websites

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

NCUR Acceptances Sent and Registration Opens

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

NCUR 2026 Early-Bird Registration Deadline

Friday, January 30, 2026

ConnectUR 2026 Submission Window Closes

Friday, January 16, 2026

SPUR Call for Proposals on Research Identity Deadline

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Arts and Humanities Faculty Mentor Award Deadline

Friday, January 16, 2026

Grant Dialogues

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - Wednesday, February 11, 2026

New Executive Corner Update

“As we move into the holiday season and the close of another productive year, I hope you are finding time to celebrate the discoveries, learning, and connections that make undergraduate research so meaningful. This season is also a perfect moment to reflect on how CUR continues to support our community and to share ways to engage in 2026.”

Lindsay Currie | CUR Executive Officer



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Get Involved +
Have an Impact

- **Passionate About Mentoring?** Then apply to be a part of CUR's new Member Mentoring Program Working Group. This working group will develop a pilot plan for a CUR-wide mentoring initiative designed to enhance professional growth, member engagement, and support for undergraduate research practitioners.
- **New Advocacy Resources:** Read the Deep Dive into the Department of Education changes and watch the latest video update from our advocacy partner, Bose Public Affairs Group, for insights on what has happened over the last month.
 - **Help Shape What's Next:** Take a moment to share your thoughts in our quick feedback form. Your input will help us plan future webinars and programming that address the advocacy topics most relevant to you and your campus.
- **Have Thoughts About Workforce Development?** NSF TIP is seeking community input on the Workforce Development Roadmap, which is an actionable agenda to guide future investments to strengthen the American workforce in critical and emerging technologies



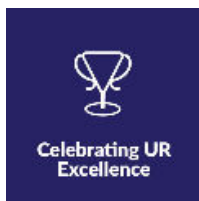
Knowledge
Exchange

- **New Free CUR Member Resource:** Download *Where Career Readiness + Undergraduate Research Intersect* and explore the powerful framework that connects research experiences to the top competencies employers and graduate schools seek.
- **Grant Dialogues 2026:** This revamped two-day virtual professional development event is designed to help you confidently navigate today's complex funding landscape.
- **SPUR Call for Proposals:** SPUR is seeking articles for a themed issue that examines any topic related to identity or identity development in undergraduate research.
- **On-Demand Learning Courses on Assessment and Funding:** Unlock the next level of your professional development with these courses that offer practical strategies and expert insights for you to lead with confidence.



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Submit a Proposal + Register to Attend



It's award season! The following awards are receiving nominations until Friday, February 13, 2026 (unless otherwise noted)

- **Student Awards**
 - Arts and Humanities Trimmer Travel Fund Award (*January 16, 2026*)
 - Biology Student Travel Grants
 - Education Undergraduate Award
 - Geosciences Award for Excellence in Student Research
 - Health Sciences NCUR Presentation Award
 - Physics and Astronomy Nadine Barlow Undergraduate Research Support Award
 - Social Sciences Undergraduate Conference Awards
- **Faculty + Mentor Awards**
 - Arts and Humanities Faculty Mentor Award (*January 16, 2026*)
 - Chemistry Outstanding Mentorship Awards
 - Education Faculty Award (*forthcoming*)
 - Geosciences Early Career Undergraduate Mentor Award
 - Geosciences Faculty Mentor Award
 - MCS Division Inclusivity Award
 - MCS Division Mentor Award
 - Social Sciences Mentor Award
- **Organizational Awards**
 - URP Division Awards to Recognize Exemplary URP Websites
 - **January URP Exchange:** Engage with the 2025 URP Website awardees as we discuss the best practices in URP website design and functionality.
- **CUR Fellows Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research Leadership**

- o This annual award now recognizes a Class of CUR members who are leaders and role models within the undergraduate research community and whose career represents the values and ideals represented in CUR's Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research. The deadline to nominate is February 17, 2026



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