



Upcoming CUR Events and Deadlines

Community Engagement Meeting 2026: CUR's Annual Business Update

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 3:00-4:00 PM ET

CUR Elections Voting Deadline

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

HigherEd+ On Demand Course Preview *Introduction to ChatGPT for Academic Researchers*

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Silvia Ronco Innovative Mentor Award Deadline

Friday, March 20, 2026

URP Exchange: Undergraduate Research Annual Reports and Data Gathering

Friday, March 20, 2026 at 12:00-1:00 PM ET

Talk to Me: How Undergraduate Research Mentoring Parallels and Diverges from Counseling Interventions

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 4:30-5:30 PM ET

Deadline for Biology and Engineering Awards

Friday, March 27, 2026

National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2026 in Richmond, VA

Monday, April 13, 2026 - Wednesday, April 15, 2026

ConnectUR 2026 Early-Bird Registration Deadline

Friday, April 17, 2026

Undergraduate Research Week 2026

Monday, April 20, 2026 - Friday, April 24, 2026

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 | 2-3 PM ET

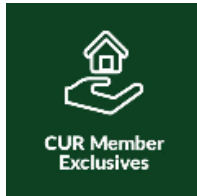
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- Gain Expertise While Earning a Digital Badge:** To meet the growing need for flexible, impactful, self-paced learning, CUR now offers on-demand course bundles for higher education professionals and undergraduate researchers. Topics range from AI to preventing burnout, creating posters to graduate school prep, assessment to funding; we've got courses to help you reach UR excellence.

- **ConnectUR Your Way--Online, Onsite or Bundled:** This year's conference brings together higher education professionals for an engaging forum to share knowledge, explore innovative practices, and build collaborative networks. Centered on the 2026 theme, *Connecting Campuses, Empowering Communities, and Elevating Research*, the conference offers flexible ways to participate.



- **Cast Your Vote by March 17:** CUR's elections are now open, so review the candidate materials and cast your vote. Your participation helps ensure our leadership reflects the strength and priorities of our community.
 - *CUR Members, you will need your personalized voting code to vote. You can find this in the email we sent on February 17 and March 3.*
- **AI Anxiety in Higher Education:** CUR's latest position statement affirms that undergraduate research provides a powerful framework for addressing these challenges, equipping students with critical thinking, ethical reasoning, collaboration, and problem-solving skills that AI cannot replace.
- **Where Career Readiness and UR Intersect:** Download this new member exclusive resource and explore the powerful framework that connects research experiences to the top competencies employers and graduate schools seek.
- **Download Your Copy of SPUR 9.2** - This issue covers a wide range of topics affecting undergraduate research, including interdisciplinary research, mentoring, and a scaffolded approach to responsible and ethical conduct of research training.
- **Membership Renewals are in Full Swing!** Make sure to talk to your institutions to remind them to renew. If you're an individual member, log in to your profile and renew today.



- **Webinar: Preparing Annual Reports and Data Gathering:** That's the topic for the March 20 URP Exchange. Hosted by the CUR Undergraduate Research Program Division, these 50-minute Zoom sessions are monthly facilitated exchanges of ideas and information.
- **Webinar: Mentoring and Counseling--Parallels and Divergences:** This webinar is hosted by the CUR Psychology Division and features a presentation from Dr. Ginger Wickline, the 2025 Psychology Division Mid-Career Mentor awardee.
- **Open Faculty Mentor Awards**
 - Biology Small Research Grants (*Friday, March 27, 2026*)
 - Engineering Leadership and Mentoring Awards (*Friday, March 27, 2026*)



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