



Upcoming CUR Events and Deadlines

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

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

CUR Membership Renewal Early-Bird Registration Deadline

Monday, April 20, 2026

Undergraduate Research Week 2026

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

URP Exchange: Undergraduate Research and National Fellowships webinar

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 12:00-1:00 PM ET

Lessons from Award-Winning Engineering Mentors in Undergraduate Research webinar

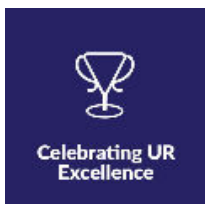
Monday, May 4 at 1:00-1:45 PM ET

Executive Corner | March 2026

“We continue to see faculty, staff, and mentors stepping up for their students and for one another. Our shared commitment is what makes this community so strong, and it reminds us that we move forward together.”

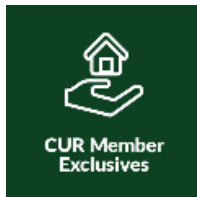
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Lindsay Currie | CUR Executive Officer



- **Celebrate With Us All Week Long:** Undergraduate Research Week is happening April 20-24, 2026. Celebrate by adding what's happening on your campus, sharing UR stories for CUR to highlight, and participating in the daily social media prompts!
- **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.

- **RSVP for the CUR Award Celebration Ceremony:** Join the undergraduate research community in celebrating all of the 2025-26 CUR awardees by attending this virtual celebration filled with dancing, trivia, and fun!



- **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.
- **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.
- **Reflect on the Collective Impact of Our Community:** Watch this recording from CUR President James LaPlant to hear highlights from the past year and learn more about CUR's priorities, upcoming initiatives, and meaningful opportunities to engage.

ConnectUR 2026 Theme: Connecting Campuses, Empowering Communities, and Elevating Research

**ConnectUR 2026
Two Ways to Participate
One Powerful Experience**

**ConnectUR Online
June 17-18, 2026**

**ConnectUR Onsite
in College Park, MD
June 22-24, 2026**



Click here to check out the Full Agendas

ConnectUR Onsite at College Park, MD Features Two Don't Mi Plenaries

June 22 | Labwork to Leadership | Dr. Jen Heemstra

June 24 | Undergraduate Research as an Engine of Public Trust in Higher Education | AAC&U Staff
Cathy Brigham, Felicia Fullilove, & Jeremy C. Young



- **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.
- **Webinar: Undergraduate Research and National Fellowships:** That's the topic for the April URP Exchange. Hosted by the CUR Undergraduate Research Program Division, these 50-minute Zoom sessions are monthly facilitated exchanges of ideas and information.
- **Webinar: Lessons from Award-Winning Engineering Mentors:** This webinar hosted by the CUR Engineering division, features past mentorship award winners Lisa Bosman and Wujie Zhang as they share lessons learned from guiding undergraduate researchers.

- **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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