

Call for Applications: CUR Councilors

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) is now accepting nominations for Councilors. Councilors serve as key connectors across CUR, bringing multidisciplinary insight and cross-divisional perspective to support CUR's mission and strategic priorities. They help elevate emerging trends, opportunities, and challenges while fostering alignment between divisional initiatives and organizational priorities.

Why Serve?

Serving as a CUR Councilor offers an opportunity to engage in cross-divisional leadership, connect ideas across disciplines, and contribute to CUR's broader strategic conversations. Councilors help bring forward diverse perspectives from across the organization and play an important role in strengthening alignment and collaboration across CUR.

Who Should Apply?

We seek members of the undergraduate research community who are committed to CUR's mission and engaged in advancing undergraduate research through leadership, mentorship, program development, or cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Members of the Council bring a blend of the following competencies and skillsets:

Thought Leadership & Engagement

- Demonstrated understanding of key issues impacting CUR members, higher education, and undergraduate research
- Creativity and flexibility in designing new initiatives and educational offerings
- Experience mentoring students or peers in research and academic development

Communication and Collaboration

- Strong communication skills across stakeholder groups and organizational environments
- Collaborative spirit and team-building skills
- Willingness to be an ambassador for CUR

CUR Organizational Awareness

- Understanding of CUR's strategic plan
- Knowledge of CUR's programs and community engagement efforts

Councilor Expectations

Councilors support the members of their division in activities and programs that align with the CUR strategic plan, mission, vision, and values. Councilors serve as programmatic leaders and:

- Participate in divisional meetings, council meetings, and any required CUR leadership meetings, such as the Annual Leadership Meeting
- Serve as a liaison between divisions and the broader organization, supporting alignment between divisional initiatives and CUR's strategic priorities
- Act as ambassadors for CUR within their institutions and the broader undergraduate research community
- Partner with Division leadership on topics related to CUR's strategic priorities and community needs
- Utilize multidisciplinary expertise and perspectives to advise on emerging needs, opportunities, and challenges across CUR
- Serve as a resource to divisions in support of alignment with CUR's mission and strategic priorities

- Surface key trends and issues from divisions and the higher education community to inform Board-level understanding and strategic discussions
- Identify and cultivate future leaders in partnership with divisional Nominations and Leadership Development Committees
- Engage in CUR programming
- Commit to a three-year term and maintain active CUR membership

Application and Selection Process

Deadline: November 23, 2026

Available Positions

- One Councilor position is available in each CUR division
- Each Councilor serves a three-year term

We encourage applications from individuals representing a wide range of institutions, disciplines, career stages, and backgrounds who are committed to excellence and innovation in undergraduate research.

Qualified candidates should submit their application and supporting materials via the appropriate link on the CUR Nominations and Elections webpage. Please collect all materials prior to beginning your submission, as partial submissions will not be reviewed.

Application Requirements

- **Nominee Information**
Full name, institution, and a link to any relevant supplemental information (e.g., CV, LinkedIn profile, biography, campus website, personal website, or blog)
- **Abbreviated CV**
Upload a condensed CV highlighting professional accomplishments and experience aligned with undergraduate research and the competencies outlined in the call for applications (2-page maximum, 11 pt font)
- **Leadership Experience Statement** (300 words maximum)
Describe your leadership experience within CUR and beyond CUR.
- **Councilor Contribution Statement** (300 words maximum)
Councilors serve as leaders within the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), providing multidisciplinary insight, cross-divisional perspective, and community-informed expertise to support CUR's mission and strategic priorities. Councilors act as key connectors between divisions and the Board of Directors, helping to align programmatic efforts with organizational priorities while elevating emerging trends, opportunities, and challenges across the undergraduate research landscape.

In what ways would you use your experience, skills, and perspective to contribute to this purpose?

Nominee Vetting, Notification, and Election Timeline:

The Division's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC) will vet all Councilor candidates. In early Spring 2027, approved nominations will appear on a ballot voted on by CUR members. All candidates will be notified of election outcomes in April 2027, and results will be announced in mid-May 2027.

Successful candidates will serve a term from June 1, 2027 – May 31, 2030.