

Call for Applications: CUR Division Representatives

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) is now accepting nominations for Division Representatives across all divisions. Division Representatives serve as programmatic leaders within CUR, advancing the organization's mission by fostering community, developing educational initiatives, and supporting engagement within their division and across the broader CUR network. They play a key role in cultivating a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-looking community that advances opportunities, belonging, and innovation in undergraduate research.

Why Serve?

Serving as a CUR Division Representative is an opportunity to build community, support professional learning, and contribute to initiatives that strengthen undergraduate research within your discipline and across CUR. Representatives help create meaningful opportunities for connection, engagement, and collaboration while gaining valuable leadership experience within a national organization dedicated to advancing excellence in undergraduate research.

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 disciplinary collaboration.

Division Representatives 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

Division Representative Expectations

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

- Participate in divisional meetings and required CUR leadership gatherings, including the Annual Leadership Meeting
- Act as ambassadors for CUR within their institutions and the broader undergraduate research community
- Develop educational content, programs, and initiatives that support divisional members and align with CUR's strategic priorities
- Foster connection, mentorship, and engagement within their division and across the CUR community

- Collaborate with fellow Division Representatives, Councilors, CUR staff, and organizational leadership to advance divisional goals and initiatives
- Serve on divisional committees, task forces, or working groups as needed
- 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

Positions available:

- Division Representative roles are available in each division
- The number of available positions varies by division
- Each Division Representative 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 relevant supplemental information (e.g., CV, LinkedIn profile, biography, campus website, personal website, or blog)
- **Undergraduate Research Involvement Statement (300 words maximum)**
Describe your involvement in undergraduate research activities within the context of your institution and its mission.
- **Broadening Participation in Undergraduate Research Statement (300 words maximum)**
Share how you have helped broaden participation and expand access to undergraduate research.
- **Division Representative Contribution Statement (300 words maximum)**
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In what ways would you use your experience, skills, and perspective to contribute to this purpose?

- **Prior service reflection (optional, 300 words maximum)**
If you have previously served as a Division Representative (formerly Division Councilor), what contributions would you like to highlight?

Nominee Vetting, Notification, and Election Timeline:

The Division's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC) will vet all Division Representative 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.