Expanding and Enhancing Undergraduate Research

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The Council on Undergraduate Research is a membership based non-profit with over 10,000 individual members and over 700 institutional members comprised of faculty, administrators and students representing all disciplines and over 900 institutions of all types and locations.

CUR’s mission is to support and promote high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship.

Individual CUR members can choose to align with any of CUR’s 13 Divisions (11 Disciplinary Divisions and 2 Multidisciplinary Divisions)

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Strategic Pillars

Integrating and Building Undergraduate Research into Curriculum and Coursework
focusing on building curriculum that is both research-based and supports undergraduate research as an outcome of curriculum

Assessment of the Impact of Undergraduate Research
examines the outcomes of undergraduate research on students, faculty, curriculum and institutions

Diversity and Inclusion in Undergraduate Research
offers undergraduate research to a wider audience of undergraduates, faculty, and institutions to increase the diversity of participants, particularly from underrepresented groups and institutions

Innovation and Collaboration in Undergraduate Research
expanding undergraduate research opportunities beyond academic institutions to research collaborations with business and non-profit organizations as well as between higher education institutions

Internationalization and Undergraduate Research
expanding the opportunities for research exchanges, research collaboration, & field research internationally
CUR Membership offers:
Access to networks of experts and a wide variety of resources
Opportunities to showcase your work and learn from others
Connections to the larger issues in higher education

CUR has seen tremendous growth, especially in non-STEM and UR Program Directors

![Bar Chart showing growth in different fields from 2008-2015](chart.png)
## CUR Resources:

### Meetings
- CUR Dialogues
- Institutes and Workshops
- URPD Biennial Conference
- National Biennial Conference
- National Conference on UR (NCUR)
- Posters on the Hill
- REU Symposium

### Services
- National Recognized Awards
- Undergraduate Registry
- Online Community* (coming soon)
- Consulting Services
- Mentor Network
- Advocacy
- Listservs

### Publications
- **CUR Quarterly**
- “How to” Series
- Other UR Publications
Upcoming Institutes:

**Proposal Writing Institute (August 4-6)**
The institute has been developed to assist novice to experienced proposal writers in drafting complete proposals for submission.

**Initiating and Sustaining Undergraduate Research Programs (October 27-29)**
This institute is designed for campuses that are establishing new undergraduate research programs or centralized undergraduate research offices and those expanding undergrad research opportunities from a single department to a campus wide program.

**Creative Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities Institute (November 18-20)**
This institute will assist campus-based teams in developing transformative opportunities for Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creativity in the arts and humanities.

**Beginning a Research Program in the Natural Sciences (November 18-20)**
The goal of the institute is to give individual pre-tenured faculty members the opportunity to learn from and discuss with experienced faculty how to establish and manage a research program with undergraduates.
Services:

Nationally Recognized Awards

CUR Fellows Award
Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award
CUR Campus-wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA)

Undergraduate Registry

- Database of student researchers with desire for a graduate degree
- Students with research experience are well prepared for rigorous graduate studies
- Graduate programs, summer research experiences, professional schools, use as recruitment tool on a subscription basis

Consulting Services

CUR offers consulting and mentoring services to individuals, academic departments, divisions, and entire campuses. We provide these services by calling upon academic professionals who share our vision and goals, and who have thought deeply about undergraduate education.
CUR publications are helpful resources that tell the story of undergraduate research transformation and give insights into how to incorporate best practices in undergraduate research on your campus.
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Thank you!