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Learn About CUR's New Prestigious STR Program.



Want to Teach Your Students the Impact of Undergraduate Research Beyond the Walls of a Classroom?

CUR has launched an expanded and evolved student advocacy event, the **Scholars Transforming Through Research (STR) Program**.

The STR Program is a six-month program developed as an expanded and enhanced event to replace Posters on the Hill and REU Symposium while drawing on their successes. It is meant to serve as a professional development opportunity for both faculty and mentors as well as undergraduate research students. In teams of up to three - two students and one faculty/mentor - participants will garner communication and advocacy skills to leverage the impact of their undergraduate research experience by conveying their story to stakeholder groups such as funding agencies, association partners, elected officials, future employers, community members, and beyond.

What is the importance of the program?

This expanded format will allow for participants to extend their reach beyond Capitol Hill, elected officials, and event attendees. Accepted teams will engage during the fall at an in-person skill development, advocacy training, and networking event, participate in virtual skill development and discussions sessions throughout the year, and become part of CUR's advocacy ambassadors to be called upon to meet with elected officials, write op-eds/blog posts, etc. At the conclusion of the program, CUR's community will join in the celebration of our program graduates during a spring capstone presentation activity.

Who can participate?

This program will provide an opportunity for institutional teams to apply. Teams must consist of a campus representative team lead – faculty or mentor – and up to two undergraduate research students who are currently enrolled in or have previously completed an undergraduate research experience. Each team member will be involved in all aspects of the trainings provided.

When does this program take place?

This program will kick off at an in-person, two-day training event on October 23-24, 2022, in Alexandria, VA. **Submissions will be due on or before September 7, 2022.** Notifications will be sent out by September 23, 2022. After the initial in-person training, there will be various check in points, scheduled advocacy meetings with representatives, and a Virtual Spring Showcase happening up until April 2023.

Submissions close September 7, 2022.

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Have questions? Reach out to CUR@CUR.org or call at (202) 783-4810.



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