Hi!

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1. Become an Ambassador for the OUR
   Do you have a passion for undergraduate research? Want to share your insights and experience with other students? The OUR is recruiting student ambassadors to start in Spring 2020.

   The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is now accepting applications for its Ambassador program. This program will help to build student leadership skills and their resumes, while providing crucial service to the OUR. The OUR ambassadors are the "face" of the office, disseminating information about undergraduate research and facilitating key services offered by the office. Students will get a unique networking experience, interacting with faculty, administrators, and prospective research students. Ideal candidates will have had undergraduate research experience in any discipline and must be reliable, organized, personable, respectful, and exhibit excellent communication skills. OUR Ambassadors will be required to host office hours, conduct information sessions or other presentations and help at OUR events, in addition to the annual spring research symposium. Anticipated time commitment is 2-5 hours per week. This is a voluntary program; there is no financial compensation. We will not consider seniors during this recruitment cycle. We are looking for ambassador representation from all colleges. Students from non-STEM fields are particularly encouraged to apply.

   If you are interested in applying to become an OUR ambassador, please complete the online application form: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bkp1dUAiRxEiPb3

   The application deadline is **November 13 at noon**. Up to ten (10) ambassadors may be selected for the spring program.

   Questions about the Ambassador program or application process? Contact Keri Swaby, Director for Undergraduate Research (kswaby@vt.edu).

2. Help us raise money to send students to NCUR 2020
   Last year, seven Hokies presented their research at Kennesaw State University during the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), the largest conference on undergraduate research in the country. NCUR allowed these students to network with professionals and like-minded students from across the nation (http://www.cur.org/what/events/students/ncur/2020/).
This year, NCUR is taking place at Montana State University, with an anticipated price tag of $1,100 per student! The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) believes that every student should have the opportunity to present their research without worrying about the price so we have set up a JUMP campaign page to crowdfund. We are seeking your assistance, as a Virginia Tech student engaged or interested in research, to help spread the word about the JUMP campaign through your networks.

Here is a link to the crowdfunding page: https://crowdfund.vt.edu/VTatNCUR. No donation is too small... every dollar helps! And every donation is tax-deductible. Please share this request with your friends, families, and networks at large! Thank you for your help!!

3. Present Your Research

a. Inaugural statewide undergraduate research conference
The Network for Undergraduate Research in Virginia (NURVa) is a consortium of Virginia colleges and universities dedicated to supporting undergraduate research and creative activity throughout the state. The NURVa conference is an opportunity for undergraduates in all disciplines to present their research and creative work at a statewide conference. The inaugural conference will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2019, at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden-Sydney, VA. Faculty mentors are encouraged to attend. Conference registration, which includes lunch, is $15. Virginia Tech's Office of Undergraduate Research will provide transportation to all accepted student presenters and pay for student registration fees.

NURVa invites submissions from undergraduates in all disciplines in the categories of oral presentation, poster, or performance. Submit abstracts (750 words maximum) with one letter of support from a faculty mentor at https://tinyurl.com/NURVaConference.

Submission deadline is midnight, November 1, 2019. Flyer attached.

Any questions, contact Dr. David A. Salomon, david.salomon@cnu.edu.

b. National Conference on Undergraduate Research

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), established in 1987, is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity in all fields of study. Unlike meetings of academic professional organizations, this gathering of young scholars welcomes presenters from all institutions of higher learning and from all corners of the academic curriculum. Through this annual conference, NCUR creates a unique environment for the celebration and promotion of undergraduate student achievement, provides models of exemplary research and scholarship, and helps to improve the state of undergraduate education.

Applications to present original student work are now being accepted through December 6, 2019 at 11:59pm. Virginia Tech will cover expenses for accepted presenters (only one per project please). In order to receive support you must include information about the OUR in your application (Keri Swaby, Director for Undergraduate Research, Virginia Tech, email: kswaby@vt.edu; ph: 540-231-7737).
c. The Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Research Conference

Are you involved research and looking for an opportunity to showcase your skills? Do you want to learn more from professionals in your discipline? Would you like the opportunity to meet students from across the United States in varying STEM fields? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you should apply to the Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Research Conference (MAURC) at Virginia Tech. This conference is a unique opportunity for undergraduates to come together with professionals from varying scientific fields and share their passion for research. Our team created this conference because we believe in encouraging the collaboration of knowledge in order to facilitate advancement within areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

MAURC is a two day event, March 28-29th, which will include panel sessions, student oral and poster presentations, and catered meals. You can also look forward to hearing from two phenomenal keynote speakers: Dr. Anthony Leggett is a physics professor at the University of Illinois, and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2003, and Dr. Arnold Caplan is director of the Skeletal Research Center at Case Western Reserve University and is known as a pioneer in mesenchymal stem cell research.

The deadline to apply to participate is **December 31st** and can be found through the link: [https://tinyurl.com/MAURC2020Application](https://tinyurl.com/MAURC2020Application). For more information, please visit our facebook page “STEM Research Conference Commission” or email us at srccvirginiatech@gmail.com.

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d. ACC Meeting of the Minds

The 15th annual ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference will be held on March 20-22, 2020 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This conference, funded in-part by football championship dollars, focuses on excellence in undergraduate research and creative scholarship at the 15 ACC member schools and represents the power and synergy that can exist between athletics and academics.

Every year, each ACC school selects six exceptional representatives from diverse research areas to attend the ACC Meeting of the Minds conference. Successful applicants receive full support for travel and accommodations. Interested? Learn more here: [https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/present-publish/external-conferences.html#ACC](https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/present-publish/external-conferences.html#ACC)

Application deadline is **January 29, 2020 at noon**.

Please note that this conference only allows one student presenter per project. If you have questions, please contact Keri Swaby (email: kswaby@vt.edu).

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4. CUR Biology Division Offers Student Travel Grants
CUR's Biology Division is offering a limited number of travel grants (up to $250 each) for undergraduates presenting original, biological research results at a regional or national, discipline-specific meeting.

Application deadlines: Oct 15, 2019 and Jan 13, 2020. READ MORE

5. Deadlines Near for Undergraduate Opportunities

Note the deadlines for the following undergraduate opportunities:

- **Spring 2020 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI) Program**, US Dept of Energy; application deadline Oct 7, 2019- TODAY!


- **Call for Posters**, 134th Annual Meeting, American Historical Assn, Jan 3-6, 2020, New York; submission deadline Oct 15, 2019

- **National Internship Program**, Hispanic Assn of Colleges & Universities; application deadlines Oct 25, 2019; Nov 15, 2019; Jun 5, 2020

- **Call for Papers**, Transatlantic Policy Symposium, Feb 7, 2020, Georgetown Univ; abstract deadline Nov 15, 2019 (open to undergrads; some travel support avbl)

- **Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program** for second-, third-, and fourth-year undergrads; application deadline Nov 1, 2019

- **Internships**, National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian; application deadlines Nov 15, 2019; Feb 15, 2020

- **Call for Proposals**, 2020 Annual Meeting, New England Political Science Assn, April 23-25, 2020, Mystic, CT; submission deadline Nov 29, 2019

- **SCI Scholars Internship Program**, Society of Chemical Industry / American Institute of Chemical Engineers / American Chemical Society; application deadline Nov 30, 2019

Have a great week!
Best,
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