Hi!

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1. Rice University hosting Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium Nov. 2

Rice University is hosting the Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium (GCURS) for the 11th year in a row and would like to invite interested students to apply at gcursapply.rice.edu. This year, the symposium will be on Saturday, Nov. 2 with professional development activities the following day. A flyer is attached with more details, including sections that are participating. This is not your usual poster session. In fact, no posters are allowed at GCURS! GCURS provides undergraduate researchers the opportunity to present original research discoveries to scholars from around the world. Participants give 12-to-15-minute individual presentations which include a question-and-answer period. Following the presentations, faculty mentors provide feedback to each student. Past participants have shared that GCURS helps to foster interdisciplinary, intercollegiate fellowship. Here is a video overview of the symposium - it’s high-energy, exciting and the students get a lot of value out of it.

The application is now open and the deadline is Oct. 7; limited accommodations and travel awards for those outside the Houston area are available to accepted participants. In addition, students are encouraged to explore funding opportunities from their home institution. Apply for VT travel support HERE.

2. Inaugural Network for Undergraduate Research in Virginia (NURVa) Conference Call for Submissions

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 is attached.

Any questions, contact Dr. David A. Salomon, david.salomon@cnu.edu.
3. VAS Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting
The Virginia Academy of Science's Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting is a research grant proposal competition, which has been held annually since the Fall of 2001. In order to participate in this meeting, undergraduate students, in conjunction with their faculty mentors, are required to:

(1) Prepare and submit an Undergraduate Research Grant Application by the October 1 deadline.

(2) Develop posters outlining the proposed research (following the criteria of the Fall Meeting Poster Guidelines) and present their posters at the Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting on November 2 at Christopher Newport University (9 am – ~5 pm).

Nine Undergraduate Research Grant Awards of $750 each will be awarded to selected recipients at the end of this meeting. The grant award recipients will also be awarded student membership in the Virginia Academy of Science for 2020 and will be expected to present the results of their research at the 2020 VAS Annual Meeting in May at James Madison University.

The deadline for electronic submission of 2019 Undergraduate Research Grant Applications is October 1, 2019. More details and instructions can be found in the attached document. Please refer questions to: cconway@vacadsci.org

4. Posters on the Hill
Each spring, the Council on Undergraduate Research hosts an annual undergraduate poster session on Capitol Hill. At this event and its related activities, members of Congress and their staff members learn about the importance of undergraduate research through talking directly with the student researchers involved in these programs.

This event will take place in Spring 2020. Applications for Posters on the Hill 2020 will be accepted through Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 11:59 pm EST. Late submissions will not be accepted.

More information including link to apply are available online at: https://www.cur.org/what/events/students/posters_on_the_hill_2020/

5. Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship- Deadline this week
Applications are now being accepted for the Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship, which recognizes students who engage in research. One awardee each semester will be selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

Eligibility: VT undergraduate student in any major who is participating in mentored undergraduate research at Virginia Tech.

Fall deadline: Wednesday, Sept 18
Apply at: https://vt.academicworks.com/

6. Careers in Science Fair
The Office of Undergraduate Research will have a booth at this year’s Careers in Science Fair. Stop by to check out available summer research internships and opportunities or just stop by to ask questions about undergraduate research in general. Hope to see you there: Wednesday, September 18, 10am-4pm, Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. Please see more information on the attached flyer.
Have a great week!

Best,
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