Here’s what’s included in this week’s newsletter from the OUR:

1. **Emory University - Laney Graduate School’s Summer Opportunity for Academic Research (SOAR)**
   - **SOAR** is for talented underrepresented minority – particularly Black/African American, American Indian, Latinx/Hispanic, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander – and underserved undergraduate students who may benefit from a highly-competitive, 10-week, research-intensive experience. It’s designed for emerging researchers interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in one of over 40 academic programs at Emory including humanities, arts, social sciences, and natural, physical and biomedical sciences.

   All scholars will be mentored by Emory Faculty and teams of postdocs, research technicians, graduate students, and other undergraduates. SOAR researchers receive a housing award for residence on the Emory campus and a stipend to support their full-time attention to research training and developing professional development skills on: communicating research to a variety of audiences, problem-solving, interpreting results, participating in novel research, navigating difficult ethical situations, and network building.

   Apply by January 28, 2019.

2. **Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Research Conference (MAURC)**
   - The inaugural Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Research Conference (MAURC) is a transdisciplinary STEM research conference being planned and hosted by Virginia Tech students that serves as an opportunity for undergraduates and professionals to share their passion for research. "We believe in encouraging the collaboration of knowledge in order to facilitate advancement within areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics."

   MAURC will be a two-day event, March 23-24th, 2019, which will include three notable keynote speakers, panel sessions, student oral and poster presentations, and catered meals.

   Apply by January 22, 2019.

3. **Computationally Driven Experimental Biology Summer Program**
   - Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Computationally-Driven Experimental Biology summer program is a partnership between Virginia Tech (Dr. T.M. Murali and John Tyson) and Colorado State University (Dr. Jean Peccoud) that allows students from both biological and computer science backgrounds to work at the intersection of both disciplines.

   Apply by January 31, 2019.

Have a great week!
4. **ACC Meeting of the Minds**

Each year, 5-10 outstanding undergraduate researchers (accompanied by a faculty/staff member) from each ACC university gather at a host university to present their research, either verbally or as a poster, at the ACC Meeting of the Minds. At most universities the student delegates are chosen through a refereeing process. It is truly an honor to be invited to participate in this conference.

*Apply by* January 25, 2019.