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Message from the Director

Greetings!

I am excited to have taken on the role of CURS Director as of January 1. CURS is part of the Division of Instruction and Innovation at Augusta University. I have long been a supporter of CURS and am having a super time getting to know the details of our programming, calendar and inner workings. I am thrilled to work along side Mrs. Melissa Knapp who, as many of you know, has been the backbone of CURS for several years. I'm also excited to be involved in forging new relationships and placements for our undergraduates as well as new programming. I welcome suggestions from anyone, whether you are a student, faculty member, administrator or contributor.



CURS is getting geared up for several spring events including student research seminars, the Phi Kappa Phi Conference and our Summer Scholars Program, which is now in it's ninth season. The deadline for students to apply is Feb. 28, so please ensure that you encourage students to submit their application on time! We are currently reviewing spring grant and Summer Scholars Program applications. (Thank you to those who've applied!) We look forward to announcing Spring Grant awardees in the next week. If you haven't gotten involved with CURS, come visit or invite us to present to your unit. Keep checking back to hear how we are growing!

Best wishes for a great spring!

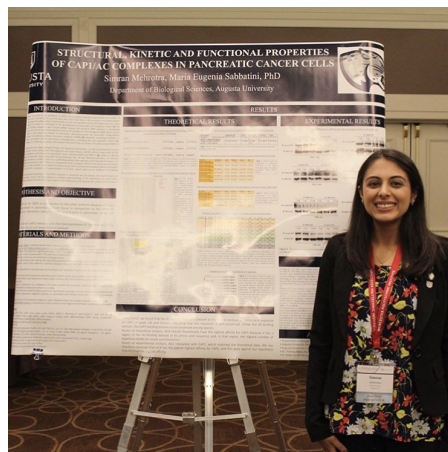
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Happenings at CURS



Arsenal

*The Undergraduate Research Journal of
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Student Spotlight

Simran Mehrotra

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Aims and Scope:

- To represent and highlight undergraduate research of academic and scholarly value from a wide range of disciplines at Augusta University
- To involve undergraduate students in the peer review process under the guidance of faculty mentors
- To provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to prepare research and scholarly papers for publication
- To create an outlet for undergraduate research to be presented in a professional environment
- To create a platform for undergraduate research to gain recognition for their achievements
- To enhance students' qualifications for career and academic goals post-graduation

We are currently seeking submissions of papers. If you are a student who has a manuscript describing your scholarship or research, please speak with your mentor about the possibility of [submitting](#) the manuscript for publication. Publications may not be submitted to multiple journals. This can be an excellent way to polish your professional writing skills and add a publication to your curriculum vita or resume.

Meet Simran Mehrotra! She is a senior studying Cell and Molecular Biology. She works with Dr. Maria Sabbatini and her project title is "Structural and Functional Properties of Adenylyl Cyclase-Associated Protein 1/Adenylyl Cyclase Complexes in Pancreatic Cancer Cells." Check out what she likes most about CURS below!

"I like how friendly and encouraging everyone is. When I was preparing for my research seminar everyone at CURS was extremely encouraging and they're all so welcoming. They're always ready to help you with anything they can, and if it had not been for the CURS department helping me out freshmen year when I was looking into research, I might not have completed my thesis and been able to present it at multiple conferences."

What We Do

Services We Offer:

- Online database of opportunities aka [Undergraduate Research Opportunities Portal](#) (UROP)
- Host student scholar and researcher panels
- Host Meet & Greet receptions for small or larger units on campus to connect student and faculty collaborators
- Facilitate Lab tours to recruit research assistant
- Screen and match undergraduate research assistants
- Help find a guest speaker for your course

Programs & Grants:

- Travel and Supplies Grants (Fall, Spring)
- Summer Scholars Program
- Student Research Seminars

Save the Date

- March 11-15 AU Research Week

- April 18 CURS Faculty Reception, Alumni House 4 p.m.



This Month's Upcoming Events

- Friday, Feb. 22 - Student Research Seminar (JSAC Coffeehouse 1-2PM) featuring Travis Williams from Communications and Greg Price from Chemistry & Physics
 Saturday, Feb. 23 - Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference (7:30AM-4:15PM)
 Monday, Feb. 25 - Research Town Hall on Common Rule (Lee 1040)
 Thursday, Feb. 28 - Student Summer Scholar [applications due](#)
 Thursday, Feb. 28 - Chemical Safety Training (Health Sciences Campus)

Useful Links

Augusta University Links :

AU Research
 Division of Instruction and Innovation
 Honors Program
 Phi Kappa Phi Research and Creative Arts Conference

CUR Links

National (Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)
 National Undergraduate Research Conference (NCUR)
[Travel Awards for Health Sciences students to attend NCUR](#)
[Nominations Sought for Social Sciences Mentor Award](#)

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