

Windows of Opportunity for Undergraduate Research Program Directors

June 22-23, 2013, Chapman University

This 1½ day conference is aimed at faculty and academic professionals interested in the improvement, management, and promotion of undergraduate research and creative activities. Faculty, undergraduate research program directors, and administrators will share ideas, strategies, and best practices about five themes:

- **Assessment**—the role of assessment and evaluation in undergraduate research program development and institutionalization, methods and models for assessing learning outcomes and program impacts, and designing specific tools for assessment and evaluation.
- **Broadening Participation in Undergraduate Research**—this track will explore core cultural, financial, and policy issues that inhibit underrepresented students from participating in research and discourage faculty from engaging in it.
- **Marketing, Fundraising, & Public Relations**—This track is geared toward developing strategies for marketing and increasing awareness of research programs to various constituents and increasing financial resources through development activities and partnerships within and beyond institutions.
- **Curricular Innovations**—this track will offer practical models for designing research-intensive assignments, courses, and curricula for a variety of programs and majors and explore best practices for creating innovative, research-rich curricula.
- **Undergraduate Research Administration Nuts and Bolts**—This track will provide examples of innovative administrative practices for new and seasoned program directors that maximize effectiveness and efficiency in managing programs.
- **Posters**—We are seeking submissions for posters supporting one of the themes described. The deadline for poster submissions is April 15, 2013. Visit the CUR website for submission details (*see URPD Windows of Opportunity Conference under Conference & Events tab*).

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Sylvia Hurtado, Professor and Director of the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, whose current research, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, examines the preparation of underrepresented students for biomedical and behavioral science research careers.

The conference format is intended to facilitate discussion, provide resources, and create networking opportunities. Breakout sessions will include panel presentations designed to help participants learn from each other and hear about best practices.

This meeting is being organized by the Council on Undergraduate Research's Division of Undergraduate Research Program Directors.

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