

NCUR Travel Award



The mission of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR®) is to promote undergraduate research scholarship and creative activity done in partnership with faculty or other mentors as a vital component of higher education.

The RSCA Program will support a limited number of students to present research or creative works at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR, http://www.cur.org/ncur_2016/). This event will take place at University of North Carolina Asheville April 7-9, 2016.

All students who have a faculty mentor and will be a registered undergraduate New Paltz student next semester are eligible for this travel award. In order to qualify for the travel award, your abstract must be accepted for presentation at NCUR 2016. If more abstracts are accepted than the number of travel awards, the RSCA Advisory Board will determine a mechanism for choosing awardees. Typically, only first authors will be funded for travel to this conference. DEADLINE for abstract submissions: December 2, 2015, 11:59PM PST

Information about the types of presentations at NCUR you can search this data base:
http://www.cur.org/conferences_and_events/student_events/ncur/archive/

Summary of step for a student to qualify for the NCUR travel award

1. Identify a faculty mentor (sponsor). You will need your mentors title, email address, and phone number when submitting your abstract.
2. Consult first with your faculty mentor for assistance with writing your abstract and choosing your subject area (details below) and type of presentation (poster, oral, performing arts, visual arts). Also, consider attending the Abstract Writing Workshop described below.
3. Create a NCUR2015 account: http://www.cur.org/ncur_2016/account/. Note that the primary student presenter's email address must end in edu, .gov, .ca, or .ac.uk.
4. Prepare the final version of your abstract (limited to plain text format) and paste into abstract submission web site: http://www.cur.org/ncur_2016/account/. DEADLINE: December 2, 2015, 11:59PM PST
5. Note that to be eligible for the travel award, you MUST include the Undergraduate Research Office Coordinator Information (details below). The institution is State University of New York, New Paltz
6. By submitting an abstract, you are agreeing to attend the full conference. The RSCA supported travel by plane will be on 4/6 (return 4/10). Hotel rooms have already been reserved.

If your abstract is accepted, you are not guaranteed a travel award. Shortly after the NCUR abstract acceptance notification, you will receive an email from the RSCA Director (Prof. Maureen Morrow). You will be required to register and agree to the terms of the travel award by Feb. 4, 2016.

Workshop

NCUR acceptance is competitive. To help student prepare high quality abstracts, a workshop will be held on Wed. Nov. 18th, 12-1p. (late arrival and early departure are allowed). Students must RSVP to rsca@newpaltz.edu with 'workshop' in the subject line by Tues. Nov. 17th, noon. Details will be provided by return email.

Details of the abstract submission process

NCUR guidelines are provide after you create an account and click on the submit abstract link. Please also see the details at the bottom of this page!!!!

It is a good idea to work on your abstract with your mentor's participation ahead of the actual submission process. That way you can simply cut and paste it into the abstract body textbox when you get to that step. It is difficult to generate the optimal abstract in real-time during the submission process.

If you are unsure of which subject to choose, please consult with your faculty sponsor to determine the best subject for your abstract.

General information about the abstracts:

- * Complete all required fields before submitting an abstract.
- * Including the title, the abstract should be 250 to 300 words in length.
- * Abstracts should:
 - o State, in clear terms, the central research question and the purpose of the research.
 - o Provide a brief discussion of the research methodology.
 - o State conclusions, either final or anticipated.
 - o Be well organized.
- *All abstracts will undergo a rigorous review by a panel of faculty reviewers. Abstract reviewers will evaluate submissions based on the criteria listed above and will assess overall merit within the context of the specific academic discipline, as well as the likelihood that the project will be completed in time for the conference

RSCA Director's note: The abstract description above is biased toward the sciences. Artistic abstracts will be slightly different. You can examine previous NCUR abstracts at the Abstract archive: http://www.cur.org/conferences_and_events/student_events/ncur/archive/ where you can search by presentation type.

You must include the mentor's email and the coordinator information to receive a travel award

Coordinator Information

Coordinator's LAST Name: Morrow

Coordinator's FIRST Name: Maureen

Coordinator's Institution State: NY

Institution: State University of New York, New Paltz

Coordinator's Contact Info Coordinator's Email: morrowm@newpaltz.edu

Coordinator's Title: RSCA Director

Coordinator's 10-Digit Phone: 845-257-3776

RSCA Director's note: Failure to enter this information will disqualify you for the travel award.

RSCA Director's note: In my experience, the poster sessions are better attended than the oral sessions. I believe you will receive better feedback and have more fulfilling experience presenting a poster. There are of course some disciplines for which an oral presentation will be a better experience.

If you are asked about registration payment when submitting your abstract, you should request that the campus coordinator (Prof. Maureen Morrow) be invoiced for the NCUR registration fee. In order to request an invoice, participants will need to enter the Undergraduate Research Office information. Students will be registered for the conference after both acceptance to present and commitment to travel to the conference.