THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

2 DAYS. 8 COUNTRIES. 5 CONTINENTS.

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Inclusive
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Student-centred and student-led
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Student Volunteers are exposed to how an academic conference works, from audience registration, to presentation skills and technology, to chairing a panel session and acting as informational guides and hosts.

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THE ICUR PHILOSOPHY

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Supportive, yet rigorous

Our ethos at ICUR is to provide a supportive, yet realistic environment for attendees, equipping students with the confidence to attend future academic conferences with valuable presenting experience.

Students receive detailed advice on writing a conference abstract as well as feedback on submissions and, when necessary, the opportunity to revise and resubmit their abstract. Presenters are given access to online and in-person training seminars and materials to develop effective and engaging presentations and posters. Sessions at ICUR are recorded so that spoken presentations can be reviewed, allowing students to think critically about their own presentation and delivery.

Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary

The 1700+ undergraduates who have participated in ICUR to date have represented a hugely diverse range of subjects. Spoken presentations at ICUR are themed, but not by discipline. The ICUR team has developed unifying research streams that aim to reflect the interests and priorities of the sector. Using these themes, students are encouraged to think about their research in terms of challenges that face the world today. They are encouraged to approach research problems from an interdisciplinary perspective, a skill they take with them into the rest of their academic work and beyond.

Since 2014

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"I love the welcoming nature of ICUR. As soon as you walk into the conference your nerves are washed away by the sense of being among a truly diverse and receptive audience. What brings everyone together is their love of research and that makes everything else happen smoothly and without thought."

"Through this technology, I have been exposed to research fields that would have otherwise been hidden from my knowledge."

"The best part of ICUR is the international component, enabling presenters to both speak to and hear from undergraduate researchers in several fields from several institutions."
Skills Development: Skills for Work, Skills for Life

ICUR provides participating undergraduates with:

- A real-world experience of conference attendance and presenting
- The opportunity to network with peers around the world without leaving the home institution
- A unique and impressive addition to resumés and CVs - both for further academic study and for jobs outside the academy
- Help to develop key skills for prospering in the global jobs market

We asked students to describe ICUR in 3 words

INSIGHTFUL  DIVERSE  GLOBAL

INNOVATIVE  INCLUSIVE  MULTIDISCIPLINARY

ENRICHING  FUN  CHALLENGING

MULTICULTURAL  EMPOWERING  INSPIRATIONAL

ENGAGING  SUPPORTIVE  AMBITIOUS

COLLABORATIVE  REWARDING  STIMULATING

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