The 2017 Posters on the Hill
Travel Award

Description of event:
Posters on the Hill will honor the scholarly achievements of undergraduates from across the nation. Each of the selected students will present her/his research in a poster session. The selected students and their faculty sponsors will also meet with their congressional delegations and attend select events and tours. This program is explained in detail at
http://www.cur.org/conferences_and_events/student_events/posters_on_the_hill/ .

The Council on Undergraduate Research is calling for abstracts for Posters on the Hill. Your research should represent one of CUR's Divisions (Arts and Humanities, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geosciences, Health Sciences, Mathematics/Computer Science, Physics/Astronomy, Psychology, and Social Sciences). Abstract submissions should describe your research, scholarship, or creative activity and discuss its significance to society (i.e. what larger issues or problems were you trying address or understand?; how does your work relate to current policy issues?).

New Paltz RSCA Travel Award:
The RSCA program will cover the cost of travel for both the student and (full-time) faulty mentor to Washington DC, though the student must be enrolled at the time of travel. **To be eligible for theses funds, you must inform the RSCA Director** (Maureen Morrow, morrowm@newpaltz.edu, X3776) that you plan to submit an abstract. If accepted, you must notify the RSCA Director immediately so that funds can be reserved for the trip.

Please know that this is a competitive program. You should begin the application process as early as possible. Letters of recommendation are required. You may contact the RSCA Director for insight and feedback with regard to your application/ abstract.

This event will be held on a date to be determined (probably mid- March, typically on a Tues. or Wed.). The submission **deadline is November 4th** (no exceptions, Portal closes at 11:59PM EST). Requests from recommendations letters should be made well before this date. Selected participants will be notified in early February. Details can be found at
http://www.cur.org/conferences_and_events/student_events/posters_on_the_hill_information_for_submission/
Selection criteria are described in the FAQs:
http://www.cur.org/conferences_and_events/student_events/posters_on_the_hill_frequently_asked_questions/#117, and may include:
    * project quality, (e.g. timeliness, level of completion),
    * communication skills (e.g. being understandable by any educated person), and
    * disciplinary and geographical distribution.