

Spring 2020 CURCA Updates and Deadlines

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Good evening colleagues,

I hope that everyone is healthy, adjusting to our new online format, and taking time for yourself and your family. This is a friendly reminder that, although we won't be meeting in person this semester, the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity is still active and we want to support faculty, staff, and students in any way that we can. While we don't want to overwhelm you with information, below are some dates to put into your calendars. I would like to highlight our Zoom workshops held this Friday afternoon; we (including myself) are quickly trying to determine how to adjust student research and creative projects. If you are struggling to make this transition, have some helpful tips for your colleagues, or are somewhere in the middle, please join us on Friday afternoon at 1:00pm (research) and/or 2:00pm (creative activity) to share and discuss (Zoom links below).

As always, all CURCA-related information is updated on our website and most relevant information can be found in the student tab: <http://www.westfield.ma.edu/center-for-undergraduate-research-creative-activity/for-students>

Spring 2020 CURCA Celebration – all links can be found at the address above

1. **March 24 - April 14:** Online registration and abstract submission. If your students require help, please let us know and also contact the Reading and Writing Center who can schedule a one-on-one tutorial. We also have how to and helpful tips on our CURCA website listed above.
2. **April 14 – April 24:** Online presentation submission for digital showcase
3. **May 1:** Virtual Celebration; format and online access TBD

*As always, abstract submissions will be published in a digital Celebration Booklet that will be made available on our website

Virtual Workshops

1. **March 27, 1-2pm:** Faculty workshop on managing research virtually (Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/357095122>)
2-3pm: Faculty workshop on managing creative activity virtually (Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/357095122>).
2. **March 31, 12:30-1:30** Beyond Excel: Beyond the Basics. Intended for students, faculty, and staff and presented by Dr. Robert Chatt (Finance) (To join, go to Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/510830250>)
3. **April 3, 2-3pm:** Faculty Q&A on summer research (SSuRF) (Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/957864720>).
4. **April 13, 2-3pm:** Faculty workshop on managing poster submissions (Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/687349875>)

Please do not hesitate to contact either Lamis (ljarvinen@westfield.ma.edu) or myself if you have questions or want to meet virtually.

Warm regards,
Robin and Lamis

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