Howdy!

Welcome back and we hope you all had a great Thanksgiving! Here are your URS updates and reminders for the week:

1. **Reminder: Be thinking about a public presentation venue!**
   Even though the presentation report deadline is a long way out, it is important to start thinking about and looking for a presentation venue now. Whether you present on-campus or at a national conference is up to you!

   As mentioned previously, LAUNCH: UGR’s URS Symposium (Feb. 28) is a special opportunity for Scholars to fulfill the presentation requirement for the URS program. Registration is open and our self-selected timeslots are first-come, first-served. Register closes on January 31st at noon: [https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b26rHiGZfuqedYV](https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b26rHiGZfuqedYV)

   If you would like to participate in the URS Symposium, be sure to talk to your faculty advisor about which presentation type (oral or poster) is appropriate for your project!

2. **Last week to complete the entry survey – Closes on December 1st!**
   We would love to know how we can improve this program for future scholars. Please take a few minutes to fill out this quick entry survey by the end of the day on Friday: [https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bgcLLSydB3rUjgp](https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bgcLLSydB3rUjgp).

3. **Submit your work to Explorations!**
   *Explorations: the Texas A&M Undergraduate Journal* is accepting submissions for Volume 10 until January 23, 2018 at noon! This is a great opportunity to put your work out there and become a published author. For more information, visit [http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/Explorations/Submissions](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/Explorations/Submissions) or email explorations@tamu.edu.

4. **Interested in summer research? – Start looking now!**
   U.S. Army Institute for Surgical Research Summer Internships
   - Application deadline: January 2, 2018
   - For more information: [AISR Summer Internships 2018](https://www.usaisr.army.mil/)

   Nakatani RIES: Research & International Experiences for U.S. Students in Japan
   - Application deadline: January 16, 2018
   - For more information: [http://nakatani-ries.rice.edu/](http://nakatani-ries.rice.edu/)
2018 Costa Rica Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)
- Application deadline: January 20, 2018
- For more information: http://costaricareu.tamu.edu/

Summer Institute in Biomedical Informatics
- Application deadline: January 26, 2018
- For more information: https://dbmi.hms.harvard.edu/education/summer-institute

5. A note about winter break and finals.
We are reaching the end of the fall semester and it is almost time for finals and winter break! We just wanted to give a friendly reminder about the 2nd Installment deadline on January 29, 2018 at noon and the Research Compliance cut-off deadline on February 26, 2018 at noon. Don't let these two deadlines take you by surprise in the spring!

Thanks & Gig 'Em,

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