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Howdy!

Here are your URS updates and reminders for the week:

1. **LAUNCH: UGR is grading your 1st Installments and Progress Reports.**
   Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving emails from our office regarding your 1st installments and progress reports so please keep an eye on your inboxes!

   Please note that you will have 2 business days to make any requested revisions. Remember that no late work is accepted without a university-excused absence. See [http://student-rules.tamu.edu](http://student-rules.tamu.edu) for more information.

2. **Research Compliance committees may be in contact with you.**
   Students in the “Pending Research Compliance Approval” status should be hearing from the relevant Research Compliance and Biosafety committees in the next few weeks. The process of gaining research compliance approval can be a long one, so please make sure that you follow their instructions promptly! The cut-off deadline for research compliance approval is February 26, 2018 at noon.

   Specific questions about your research compliance status can be directed to the following committees:

   - IRB (research involving humans) – Aline Lovings avilleminey@tamu.edu or Kory Douglas kodouglas@tamu.edu
   - IACUC (research involving animals) – Lauren Douglas ldouglas@tamu.edu
   - IBC (research involving biohazardous materials) – Jeffrey Lane jeffreyrlane@tamu.edu

3. **Please take our entry survey by December 1st.**
   This entry survey helps us make the URS program better each year, and the good news is that it only takes a few minutes to fill out! Please take the survey by December 1st and help us improve this program for future scholars: [https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bgcLLSydB3rUjgp](https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bgcLLSydB3rUjgp).

4. **Registration for LAUNCH: UGR’s first URS Symposium opens this Friday!**
   Consider presenting a poster or giving an oral presentation at this exclusive venue on February 28th! We understand that your projects won't be complete in February, and that is okay. This symposium will allow you to knock out your presentation before mid-terms, gain
extra practice for a different conference, and let you spend the end of the semester finishing your thesis – plus, it's free!

5. **Travel Awards**
   There are 8 travel awards worth up to $300 on a first-come, first-served basis for students who are travelling to a conference to fulfill the public presentation requirement. If you would like to obtain a travel award or a poster voucher, please email Dr. Elizabeth Borda at bordae@tamug.edu.

6. **URS Program Resources are available online.**
   Download the [Thesis Manual & Policy Guide](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR), Thesis Templates, [Common Mistakes Handout](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/Resources), and [Citation Software Comparison Handouts](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/Resources) on the [Resources](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/Resources) page of the URS website.

7. **Opportunities:**

   **Submit your work to *Explorations!***
   *Explorations: the Texas A&M Undergraduate Journal* will be 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.

   **Goldwater Scholarship**
   These are scholarships of up to $7,500 a year. Eligible students: Sophomores and Juniors interested in having careers in STEM research.
   Campus Deadline for Pre-Application: November 15, 2017 5:00pm CST
   Link to fellowship: [https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/](https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/)

Thanks & Gig ‘Em,

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