Howdy!

Here are your URS updates and reminders for the week:

1. **1st Installment & Progress Report Due Today @ noon**
   Your 1st Installments were due today and LAUNCH: UGR Staff will be grading them over the next few weeks. As mentioned previously, keep an eye on your inboxes for emails from our office, so that you will know if your document has been approved or needs revisions.

   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. **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).

3. **Worried about your research compliance status? Don’t worry, the research compliance verification process has begun!**
   If your status in the Scholars Thesis Submittal System says “Pending Research Compliance Approval,” your project is being reviewed by the relevant Research Compliance and Biosafety committees. As soon as these committees contact us to say that you have been approved, we will change your status to “Proposal Accepted.”

   Questions about your project? Please contact one of the following committees:
   - IRB (research involving humans) – Aline Lovings [avilleminey@tamu.edu](mailto:avilleminey@tamu.edu)
   - IACUC (research involving animals) – Lauren Douglas [ldouglas@tamu.edu](mailto:ldouglas@tamu.edu)
   - IBC (research involving biohazardous materials) – Jeffrey Lane [jeffreyrlane@tamu.edu](mailto:jeffreyrlane@tamu.edu)

4. **Submit your research 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](mailto:explorations@tamu.edu).
5. **Apply to be an Undergraduate Research Ambassador!**
The Ambassadors are the face of undergraduate research here at Texas A&M and get to share their love of research with peers, faculty, and TAMU guests. The application opens on January 8, 2018, but we want to make you aware of this opportunity ahead of time!

6. **LAUNCH: UGR is hosting the first URS Symposium on February 28th!**
If you need a presentation venue, consider presenting at the URS Symposium, a venue exclusively for this year's scholars. 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 – and it's free!

7. **Travel Awards & Poster Vouchers**
There are 21 travel awards worth up to $300 on a first-come, first-served basis to students who are travelling to a conference to fulfill the URS public presentation requirement. There are 150 poster vouchers available for students to print their posters on campus. Details about these research allocations can be found at [http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/Reimbursements](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/Reimbursements). If you would like to obtain a travel award or a poster voucher, please email ugr@tamu.edu.

8. **If you have published your work within the past 6 months, contact us!**
Getting published is a big deal and we would love to recognize your hard work by sending your publication information to the Council on Undergraduate Research. Email us at ugr@tamu.edu for more information about CUR Highlights.

9. **Don’t forget about our resources.**
Download the [Thesis Manual & Policy Guide](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/ThesisManual.pdf), [Thesis Templates](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/ThesisTemplates.pdf), [Common Mistakes Handout](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/URSCommonMistakes.pdf), and [Citation Software Comparison Handouts](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/CitationSoftwareComparison.pdf) on the [Resources](http://launch.tamu.edu/UGR/URS/Resources) page of the URS website.

10. **Opportunities:**

**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,

LAUNCH: UGR Staff