

# Call for Participants: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Undergraduate Research at KU Advisory Group

**Summer-Fall 2021**

## **Description:**

The Center for Undergraduate Research invites faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduate students to apply to participate in an advisory group that will identify current strengths and areas for change related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and undergraduate research at KU. Participants will each receive a \$250 payment that will be processed through KU payroll (taxes will be deducted from the payment), along with having conference fees paid for the virtual 2021 Council on Undergraduate Research conference (see below).

The advisory group will examine programs offered by the Center for Undergraduate Research to identify areas for growth and recommended changes to current initiatives to ensure that we are supporting students and mentors in ways that are equitable, inclusive, and allow as many students as possible to experience undergraduate research. The group will also examine what other undergraduate research programs and initiatives exist for KU students on campus outside the Center for Undergraduate Research to identify areas for collaboration and possibilities for externally funded undergraduate research initiatives.

*All meetings for this advisory group will be held virtually, as will the 2021 CUR conference.*

## **Details:**

- **Participant eligibility:** We would like to have a mix of people holding different identities and positions at KU as part of this working group. The advisory group will consist of faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduate students. Though there are multiple ways in which people may be qualified to serve on this advisory group, we are particularly interested in:
  - **For faculty:** people who mentor undergraduate researchers, serve on departmental DEI committees, are writing grants that could include undergraduate research components, are redesigning curriculum and/or courses to include undergraduate research, or are interested in creating change within their department.

- **For staff:** people who work in a research center or undergraduate research program who have firsthand knowledge of undergraduate research experiences and could collaborate on initiatives.
- **For graduate and undergraduate students:** students from underrepresented backgrounds in higher education who have been involved with undergraduate research (as a grad mentor or an undergrad) are particularly encouraged to apply.
- **Meeting times:** The group will meet 5 times between June 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, in addition to the time participants will spend at the CUR conference (see below). All meetings will be online.
- **Conference:** Advisory group members will participate in the virtual [Centering Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity conference](#) that is being put on by the Council on Undergraduate Research on **June 23-25, 2021** to gather ideas for our campus. While participants will decide which sessions they attend, we expect that advisory group members will attend at least 2-3 sessions each day of the conference. Conference registration fees will be paid for by the Center for Undergraduate Research.

**To participate:**

If interested, fill out this short application form by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

[https://kusurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5toZyRGLvLfzvT0](https://kusurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5toZyRGLvLfzvT0)

Participants in the group will be announced in early May.

*Questions?: Email the Center for Undergraduate Research at [cur@ku.edu](mailto:cur@ku.edu).*