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## January 2012 Highlights



McNair Scholars celebrate success.

### Now Accepting Nominations For CRL Awards

The Center for Research and Learning is pleased to accept nominations for the IUPUI Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research, the Bowling-Jones-Russo Memorial Undergraduate Research Award and the CRL Director's Award for Outstanding Leadership and Mentoring of Undergraduate Research. The Chancellor's Award will be presented at the IUPUI Chancellor's Honors Convocation on April 19, and the Bowling-Jones-Russo and Director's Mentoring awards will be presented at a CRL ceremony on April 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the Tony Sherrill Meeting Room (CE 409) of the Campus Center.

» [Click here for more information](#)



Lakeisha Cross, McNair and ITEC scholar, with Dr. Flynn

### Undergraduate Student Feature: Lakeisha Cross

Lakeisha Cross, a senior, participates in both the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and the Innovation-to-Enterprise Central Program. She connected with the CRL while she was searching IUPUI's research website and then talked to Dr. Kenneth Durgans, Assistant Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion about being a good fit for CRL programs.

She says, "Currently I am researching how a firm's recall strategy affects consumers' repurchase intentions. We gather data from IUPUI undergraduate business students and compare them to undergraduate students in China." She believes "it is very important to engage with undergraduate research because it helps you gain more knowledge in your field of study and builds your reputation for becoming an expert in your field of study for the future."

Recently she and fellow CRL student Gabrielle Rayner presented at the Decision Science Institute's 42nd Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

Congratulations, Lakeisha!

» [Click here for more on the McNair Scholars Program](#)

### Mentor Feature: Dr. Barbara Flynn

Dr. Barbara Flynn, Professor of Business Administration in the Kelley School of Business at IUPUI since 2005, received her Doctor of Business Administration from Indiana University Bloomington in the field of operations management. Previously, she held positions at Wake Forest University, Iowa State University, Louisiana State University and others. She has published over two dozen articles and is the associate editor of *Decision Sciences*. She has held other editorships as well as giving



Dr. Barbara Flynn

presentations and keynotes around the world.

Lakeisha Cross says, "I would like to thank Professor Barbara Flynn in the Kelley School of Business for allowing me to research with her and for being a great mentor who supports my goals in life."

» [Click for more on Dr. Barbara Flynn](#)



CRL Staffers, like Ron, are waiting for your submission.

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## Now Accepting Abstracts for Research Day 2012

**Call for Undergraduate Abstracts:** Help us demonstrate the excellent scholarly, creative and research accomplishments of our undergraduate students by participating in IUPUI Research Day, Friday, April 13, 2012.

IUPUI and IUPUC students from all disciplines are invited to submit abstracts for inclusion in the **2012 IUPUI Research Day**. Abstracts can be submitted for review by clicking the link below by February 24, 2012. Students may select *either* oral-presentation or poster-presentation format. Abstracts will be reviewed by a faculty panel, and students will be notified of a decision by March 15. Details on abstract preparation and submission can be found in our [Undergraduate Submission Guide](#) and a full description of Research Day events can be found on our [Events](#) page.

» [Click here to submit your abstract](#)



UROP is open to all undergraduate students.

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## Apply by March 1 for CRL 2012 Summer Research Programs

If you're interested in research, improving your academic skills and enhancing your graduate application, don't miss the chance to put your summer to good use!

Qualified undergraduates are accepted into CRL summer research programs and awarded the opportunity to conduct research with a faculty mentor. CRL summer scholars participate in enrichment activities and earn a stipend for their full-time participation.

» [Click here to apply](#)



MURI students

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## Attention Faculty Members: Call for MURI Team Project Proposals-Summer 2012 and Academic Year 2012-2013

Applications are sought by the [Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Institute \(MURI\)](#) for summer 2012 and academic year 2012-2013 from all IUPUI faculty members who are interested in mentoring undergraduate students to conduct multidisciplinary research in teams. This is a unique opportunity for conducting pilot projects or testing new techniques and designs while helping undergraduate students develop essential research skills.

MURI is collaboratively funded by the Center for Research and Learning, a division of the IUPUI Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, and the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI

**The deadline for summer 2012 and academic year 2012-2013 MURI project proposals from faculty members is March 9, 2012.**

This summer's Institute will run from June 1 through August 3, 2012.

- » [MURI FAQ's](#)
- » [Click here for the MURI Faculty Proposal form](#)



## Calling CRL Students: Join the CRL Ambassadors

The CRL invites all current and past CRL Scholars to submit an application to become a CRL Ambassador!

The Center for Research and Learning Ambassadors Program provides students with the chance to network with research faculty and community members, plus gain invaluable experience and exposure by promoting their research and the center to students, alumni and the community. These students would encourage student interest in undergraduate research, advocate for the interests of undergraduate-student researchers and attend CRL events and conferences.

To be selected for the newly formed Ambassadors Program requires that you be a current or previous participant in any CRL program, be a currently enrolled student at IUPUI, and maintain a respectable GPA. Because Ambassadors represent the CRL, they must ensure the Center's reputation is preserved. Once you've filled out an application, you will need to be nominated by a faculty member and then if selected undergo a personal interview. Applicants also must provide outside references. Once chosen, the successful candidates will be appointed by the Center for Research and Learning for one year. Please contact us at [crlstaff@iupui.edu](mailto:crlstaff@iupui.edu) if you are interested in becoming a CRL Ambassador.

Wayne Hilson can get you involved.



## Discover Nanotechnology for High School Students and Teachers

The CRL is accepting applications for the 2012 IUPUI Nanotechnology Discovery Academy (INDA) for High School Students and Teachers. The "science of the small" has long been a staple of popular culture, since before the home-lab misadventures of *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*, to the fictionalized nanoscience of *Terminator 2* to whatever will be the next Hollywood blockbuster. Nanotechnology involves the control of matter in the nanometer-scale dimensions, with a broad range of applications such as energy, medicine, information technology, space and aeronautics and consumer goods.

- » [Click here for information and the application](#)

## Share the News with CRL

The Center for Research and Learning needs your input! We are looking for news to recognize the achievement of student research scholars, promote student organizations and share ideas. Please contact us at [crlstaff@iupui.edu](mailto:crlstaff@iupui.edu).

