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## ***Conference Preview Edition***

*18th Annual Indiana University Undergraduate Research Conference*

# **IUURC18**

*Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity*

## ***Highlights***



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### **IUURC 18 Returns to IUPUI**

The Indiana University Undergraduate Research Conference (IUURC), established in 1994, is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity, in all fields of study, which is performed in partnership with faculty or other mentors as a vital component of an Indiana University undergraduate education. This annual meeting for college students represents the nine campuses of Indiana University. Each year the IUURC Steering Committee invites a distinguished speaker to focus on a topic that would be of interest to all undergraduate researchers. This year, IUURC will be held on the IUPUI campus at the Campus Center. We are thrilled to have the conference here!

» [For more information on IUURC 18, click here](#)



**Yes, I'll be there!**

Registration closes on November  
1, 2012.

### **Register to Attend**

IUURC 18 conference registration will close on November 1, 2012. Please make sure you register to attend, whether you are presenting or simply attending. We will have two poster sessions, multiple oral presentation rooms, panelists and even networking sessions for faculty and students. You may attend any of these great sessions; however, you must register.

» [To attend IUURC 18, register here](#)

### **Meet the Faculty Speakers**

Dr. Nasser H. Paydar became Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of IUPUI in 2012. Dr. Paydar is a graduate of Syracuse University with a Ph.D. from the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Prior to returning to IUPUI, he served as the Chancellor of IU



East from 2009.

Dr. James C. Wimbush is Dean of the University Graduate School. He serves nationally as chair of the Board of Directors of the Graduate Record Exam. An acknowledged national authority, Dr. Wimbush has published numerous articles on business ethics in human resource practices.

Dr. Sherry F. Queener has been involved with both research and graduate education her entire career. As Director of the Graduate Office at IUPUI, a post she has held since July 1999, Dr. Queener oversees graduate programs on the IUPUI campus. She is also a professor of Pharmacology

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Dr. Paydar, Dr. Wimbush and Dr. Queener will speak to student presenters, faculty and staff about undergraduate research.



Robinah Maasa is a DSRP and Bridges Scholar.

## Introducing Robinah Maasa

Robinah K. Maasa has been selected by members of the IUURC 18 conference committee to make the opening remarks at the conference. She received her B.S. in education from Makerere University, Uganda's largest and second-oldest institution of higher learning. For five years Robinah taught biology at the high school level. In 2006 Robinah emigrated from Uganda to the United States.

She participated in the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program, a partnership between IUPUI and Ivy Tech sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The Bridges program connected Robinah with her faculty mentor, Dr. Jill Reiter, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of OB/GYN Perinatal Epigenetics Research Laboratory. Robinah is active in the IUPUI Biology Club, IUPUI CRL Ambassadors and in the IUPUI Diversity Scholars Research Program (DSRP).

» [For Robinah's full bio, click here](#)



In addition to the poster session, we will have oral presentations.

## Announcing Presenters

The IUURC 18 conference committee is pleased to announce that 139 students from all IU campuses have submitted abstracts to present at the conference. Once our screening process has been completed we will send out official announcements to all participants confirming their presentation, session and time. We are very excited to have so many students interested in research in their undergraduate careers. Congratulations to all participating scholars!

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