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INFORMATION
SESSION

WHO ARE WE?

SESSION *AGENDA*

1 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Find out what, when & where the conference is, as well as who is eligible to apply

2 REASONS TO APPLY

What's the point? Find out all of the benefits you will gain from presenting at the MassURC

3 GETTING STARTED

Interested in applying? We will help you every step of the way; don't miss a thing with the help of our presenter resources

4 QUESTIONS

We will open the session to answer questions from you all!

CONFERENCE
OVERVIEW



WHAT

IS THE MASSURC?

- A **one-day, in-person** conference where undergraduate students present research, share knowledge, and learn from fellow students.
- The MassURC brings together students from twenty-eight public colleges and universities within the Commonwealth!



WHEN

IS THE MASSURC?



- This year's conference will be held on **April 17th, 2026**.
- It takes place over the course of a day, with different poster sessions and speeches happening.

WHERE

IS THE MASSURC?

- The MassURC will be **in-person!**
- Allows for broader access for students from across the Commonwealth to attend.
- The conference will be taking place at the UMass Amherst Campus Center!
- The conference, as well as your abstract will be open to public viewing.



WHO

CAN APPLY?



- Any undergraduate student that attends any of the 28 public institutions in MA!
- You can present:
 - Any research project, independent study, creative work or community service experience.
 - If you are involved in more than one project, you can only present one poster presentation – you must choose ONE.
- Open to all areas of study!
 - The MassURC has showcased over sixty subject areas.

HOW

DO I APPLY?

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1 GET INFORMATION

You've already completed the first step by attending this info session! Follow our socials to stay up-to-date on deadlines.

2 IDENTIFY YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

Identify a Faculty Sponsor to work directly with on your presentation materials! Find your Campus Contact, the point person from your institution for the MassURC.

3 SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

Beginning on November 21st (Friday!), you can create a MassURC Hub account to submit an abstract, outlining your research!

4 PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE

Leading up to the conference day, you will prepare a poster to present in-person at UMass Amherst's Campus Center.

YOUR

SUPPORT TEAM

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FACULTY SPONSOR

- A faculty member who supports students with all aspects of preparation.
- In order to present, students must have a faculty sponsor.
- Faculty sponsors must review initial abstract submission and mark it "Approved" or "Needs Revision."

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CAMPUS CONTACT

- The "go-to" person for undergraduate student presenters and faculty who have questions about the MassURC.
- Each of the 28 schools included in the MassURC has at least one campus contact who acts as a link between their campus and the conference coordinator at UMass Amherst.

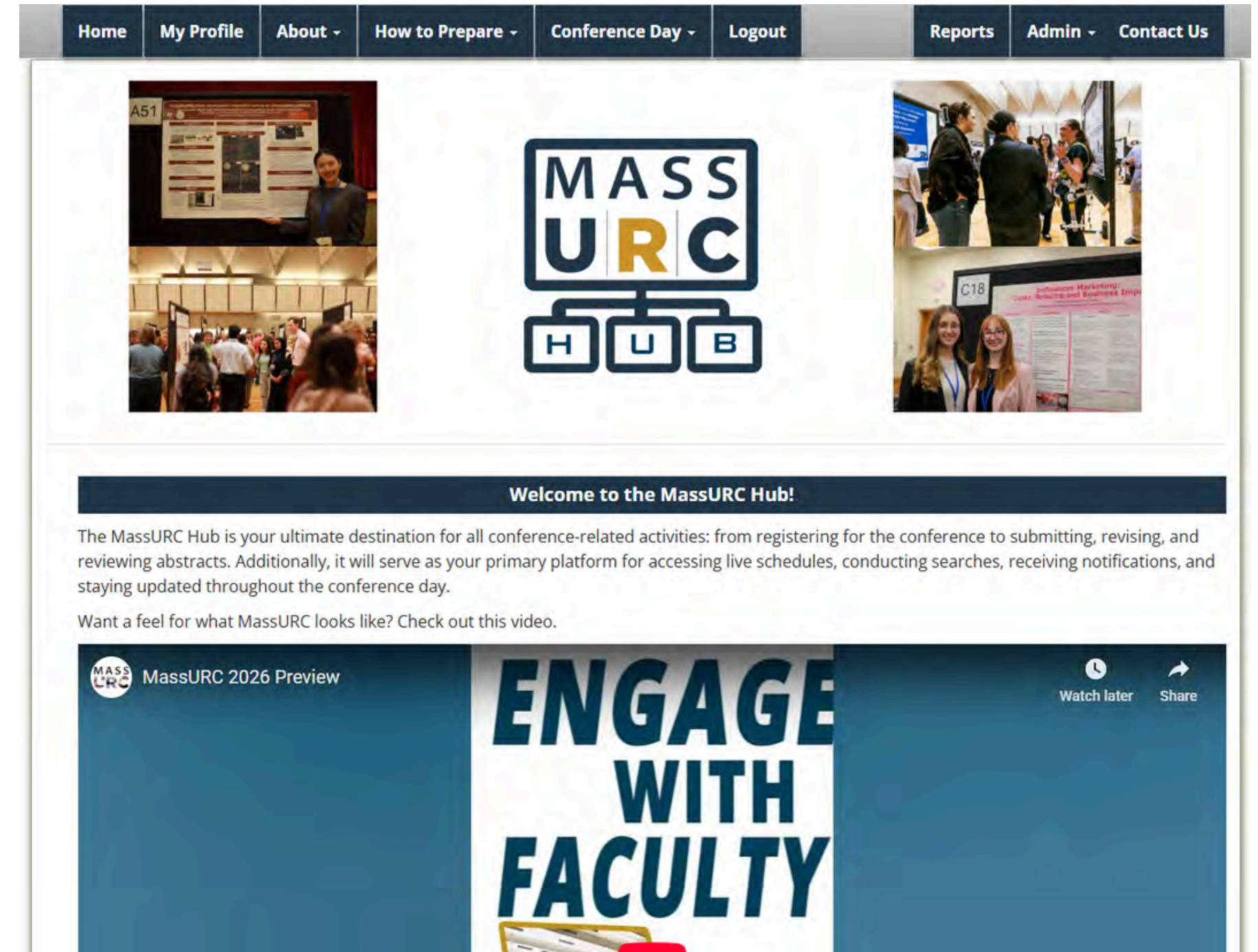
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RESOURCES



MASSURC HUB

- One-stop-shop for all MassURC information.



The screenshot displays the MassURC Hub website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, My Profile, About, How to Prepare, Conference Day, Logout, Reports, Admin, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar is a hero section featuring three images: a person at a poster (A51), the MassURC Hub logo, and a group of people at a poster (C18). Below the hero section is a dark blue banner with the text "Welcome to the MassURC Hub!". Underneath the banner is a paragraph of text: "The MassURC Hub is your ultimate destination for all conference-related activities: from registering for the conference to submitting, revising, and reviewing abstracts. Additionally, it will serve as your primary platform for accessing live schedules, conducting searches, receiving notifications, and staying updated throughout the conference day." Below this text is a video player for "MassURC 2026 Preview". The video player has a title bar with the MassURC logo and the text "MassURC 2026 Preview". The video content shows the text "ENGAGE WITH FACULTY" in large, bold, blue letters. In the top right corner of the video player, there are icons for "Watch later" and "Share".

INFO SESSIONS

- We have three info sessions coming up between now and the day of the conference, more details coming soon!
- Recordings of past info sessions + slides are posted on the MassURC Hub.

WHY SHOULD I
APPLY?



Resume Building

Being able to show on your resume that you've presented at a research conference shows focus and resilience in getting your research to a point where it can be presented!

Networking

Meet other undergraduate students who are conducting research in similar areas of study!

Relevant Experience

Presenting at the MassURC gives you the opportunity to develop your public speaking and networking skills, something not a lot of opportunities do!

Sharing Your Ideas

You've most likely been working on your research for a long time. The MassURC is an amazing opportunity to show off all the hard work you've been putting in!



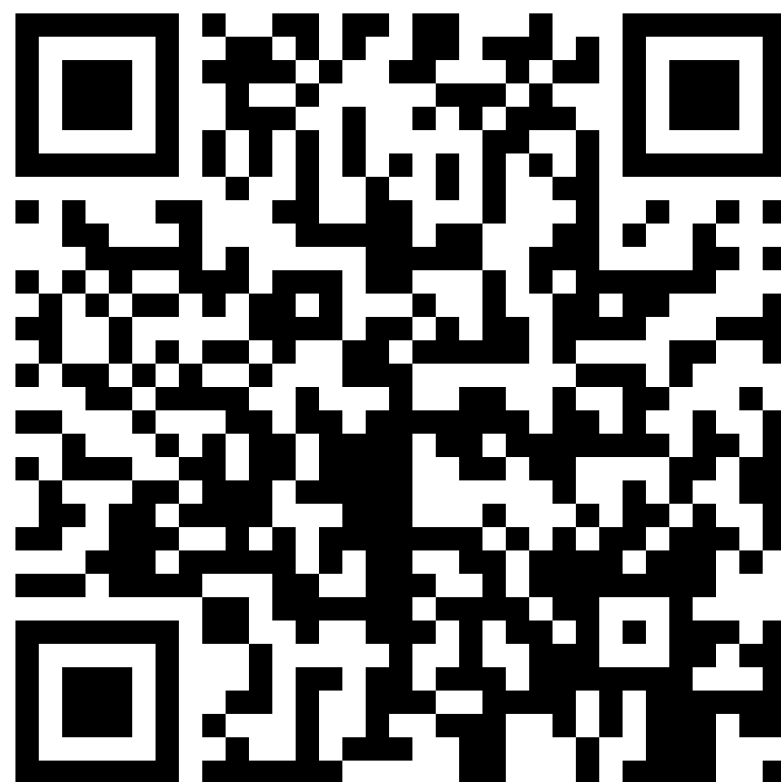
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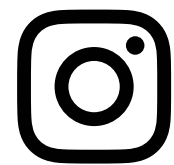


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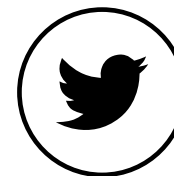
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SEE YOU ON APRIL 17TH!

