Oakland University welcomes Lindsay Currie, executive director for the Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR) to campus on Thursday, Jan. 30. Currie’s presentation, Creating Undergraduate Research Partnerships, will address the value of establishing research collaborations during a special luncheon to be held at noon in the Laidlaw Room of the Honors College in Oak View Hall.

Currie will delve into opportunities provided by CUR, leveraging undergraduate research, supporting research and project-based teaching through undergraduate research, among many topics that will be of interest to OU researchers.
“We are very fortunate to be one of the first universities nationally to host Lindsay since she began her role as executive director,” said Graeme Harper, dean of Oakland University’s Honors College, vice-chair, at large for the Council on Undergraduate Research and director for Michigan’s Center for Undergraduate Research. “She has a wealth of information to share and unique insights that will benefit all in attendance.”

Currie has more than a decade of experience in nonprofit management and community engagement, focusing on empowering communities. She previously served as director of stakeholder engagement for the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society in Rockville, Maryland, and as CUR’s director of communications and membership, building membership and volunteer service significantly in both positions.

She is a frequent speaker on strategies for increasing involvement by members in nonprofit organizations. Her advocacy experience includes a past position as a legislative aide to New Jersey State Assemblyman Michael J. Panter (D, 12th District) and Robert L. Morgan (D, 12th District).

Currie earned a bachelor's degree in history, political science and women's studies summa cum laude and a master's certificate in public relations from Monmouth University, and a master's degree in women and gender studies from Rutgers University. She also holds a certified association executive credential from ASAE: The Center for Association Leadership.

Other honors for Currie include the 2019 Changemaker Award from MeetingsNet that recognizes unique contributions to the meetings industry and the selection by Association Trends magazine as one of its 2019 Young & Aspiring Professionals.

Those interested in attending the event, should RSVP to Sheri Rourke in the Honors College at rourke@oakland.edu.

**About CUR:**

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), founded in 1978, is an organization of individual, institutional, and affiliate members from around the world. CUR members share a focus on providing high-quality and collaborative undergraduate research, scholarly, and creative activity opportunities for faculty and students. CUR believes that faculty members enhance their teaching and contribution to society by remaining active in research and by involving undergraduates in research, and that students engaged in undergraduate research succeed in their studies and professional advancement. Read the press announcement from the CUR board's appointment of Currie to the role as executive director.