

**Committee on Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURS)
CURS Funding Spring 2011 Final Report**

Faculty Member:	Jessica Reichmuth, Biology
Amount of Award:	\$600.00
Student(s) Involved (if any):	N/A
Specific Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To attend a CURS Institute- Beginning a Research Program in the Natural Sciences at a Predominantly Undergraduate Institution Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI 2. To develop better time management skills in order to balance my teaching duties along with research and service 3. To learn skills to better adapt to the undergraduate research environment.
<p>Discussion and Comments: The funding paid for my registration to attend the CURS Institute mentioned above. By attending this Institute, I was able to network with senior faculty members from other primarily undergraduate institutions, as well as junior faculty members who are similarly starting their careers. I learned a wealth of information on how to manage my time between the various duties of an assistant professor in addition to selecting projects suitable for undergraduate research. Even though students were not involved initially, I currently have five students working on one project, and feel they are benefiting from this Institute because I was able to attend.</p> <p>I would be willing to serve on a panel to discuss with other new faculty members the information gained from the CUR Institute. This information may better prepare them for getting students involved in research opportunities at a primarily undergraduate institution.</p>	