

Student Research at the Heart of UK Government

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A Professor of Law at the School of Law, University of Warwick, I also have a special interest in student research dissemination. Together with the Student Research team at the Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning at Warwick I host Posters in Parliament. In 2023, I helped resurrect the event, after it had been paused due to the COVID pandemic. In 2025 the event welcomed student presentations from 24 institutions from across the UK.

Posters in Parliament is the annual sister event of BCUR and brings together a remarkable collection of the best undergraduate research from across the country with many BCUR institutions sending two student researchers and their posters.

Held in the House of Commons, Westminster, London, the poster exhibition of research offers an important and additional experience to the student researchers beyond the academic and assessment setting. At the event they present and discuss their research to

people who are at the heart of UK Government such as MPs, Peers, civil servants and policy makers.

In turn these influential people get to see first-hand some of the innovative research taking place around the country, and how the new generation of emerging researchers is tackling some of the important current challenges of the world.

In 2025 Posters in Parliament welcomed representatives from the Council of Undergraduate Research who established the USA version called Posters on the Hill and a number of European institutions who are now planning their own versions of Posters in Parliament in their respective countries, along with Posters in Brussels in the EU Parliament, where they will all be represented. The delegation talked about the importance of student research in a world is political change and how it is more important than ever for the researchers of the future to stay connected across countries, continents, cultures and disciplines, to collaborate for the development of positive research.

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