Undergraduate Research Conference

3rd ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE – FRIDAY, May 3rd, 2024

The College of Science and Engineering (CSE) takes the role of research seriously in the education of undergraduates. Students regularly benefit from direct contact with our research faculty and are empowered and encouraged to conduct their inquiries. All undergraduates at the College are invited to participate in and present their research at the College’s 3rd annual Undergraduate Research Conference on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. Research projects can be done as independent projects or class projects. Those not yet involved in such efforts will discover that attending the conference is a great way to learn about the broad range of original work produced at the CSE. Projects in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Math, Nursing, and Physics are welcome!

**Rules and Eligibility**

* Undergraduate students can present individually or as a team; a team presentation may have a maximum of six students.
* Only currently enrolled undergraduate students are allowed to present at the conference.

**HOW TO APPLY**

* A student must complete the online application form to apply to present at the symposium. A short abstract (max. 250 words) of your research is required as part of the application.
* For multiple students interested in co-presenting, please note that only one application should be submitted per team.
* Application deadline: **Wednesday, April 24th by 11:59 pm**
* You will receive a confirmation e-mail if the abstract submission has been successful.
* Abstracts will be published in an abstract book.

**ABSTRACT guidelines**

* Clearly state the project's central research question and purpose.
* Provide brief, relevant scholarly or research context (no actual citations required) that demonstrates its attempt to make a unique contribution to the area of inquiry.
* Provide a brief description of the research methodology.
* State conclusions or expected results and the context in which they will be discussed.
* Include text only (no images or graphics)
* Be well-written and well-organized.

**Presentation Guidelines and Expectations**

This document provides general guidelines to assist students in preparing poster presentations. Students are STRONGLY encouraged to work with their faculty/research advisor to prepare presentations. The dress code for the event is business or business casual.

By default, all presentations will be in poster format.

* Posters should be **24” x 36”** in size. Standing display boards and pins will be provided at the conference.
* You should plan to arrive at your assigned presentation session AT LEAST 30 minutes before it starts to hang up your poster. At the end of your session, you will remove your poster.
* You will remain with your poster for the duration of your session, which will typically be 1.5 hours in length.
* All posters should be professional, including color, graphics, photographs, and other visually stimulating aids.
* Minimize text. Try to use one line of text to highlight each major point.
* Use simple fonts that can be read easily and from a distance. Font size should be no less than 18 points. Posters should be readable from two or three feet away, so the larger the font, the better. Standard recommended sizes range from 24-60 point bold.
* Pay close attention to the organization of your poster. Information should follow a logical order and guide viewers through your research activity. Essential contents typically include title; researcher’s name(s), university and department; introduction; purpose/significance of the study; data collection method; analysis; and, if appropriate, results/findings.
* Please ask your faculty mentor to print your poster.