WHAT IS IT?

The Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference is a premier annual event at The University of Alabama that provides undergraduates an opportunity to highlight their research or creative activities.

In addition to bringing attention to the excellent work of University students, the Conference allows students to gain experience presenting, compete for cash prizes and form relationships with faculty mentors and fellow Conference presenters.

WHO PARTICIPATES?

Any undergraduate student currently enrolled at The University of Alabama with a research project or creative activity may present at the Conference. Each student is required to have a faculty mentor.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

The best reason to participate is to share your ideas and hard work with the public.

In addition, you will gain valuable presentation experience and the chance to win cash prizes!

Please contact Sydney Palmer at spalmer@research.ua.edu with question.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

The abstract submission window is from February 1, 2018 to February 28, 2018.

Registration must be submitted electronically via the link on the Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference website. Required information includes: your contact information and CWID (Campus Wide Identification Number); any collaborator's contact information; faculty mentor's contact information; your College and Department; and your project type, title and abstract.

You should preview the Registration Form and discuss it with your mentor, particularly if your presentation topic is not in your College. You and your mentor will receive a confirmation email verifying your acceptance into the Conference. Please forward the confirmation to any co-presenters. You should discuss any class conflicts with your professors well in advance of the Conference.

WHAT IS AN ABSTRACT?

An abstract is a short statement about your presentation to give the reader a complete, yet concise, understanding of your research and findings or your creative activity.

An abstract can be no more than 500 words and should contain the following: justification, purpose, method, result, and conlcusion. Click here to learn more about how to write an abstract.

Remember, available information for your abstract will depend on which category you choose to participate in. Click here to learn about the two submission categories.

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Printed posters need to be no larger than 36'' by 48''. We recommend that you print your poster and attach it to the on-site poster board provided by the Office for Research on the day of the Conference. Templates for poster design can be found on the conference website under Student and Faculty Resources.

You must remain by your poster throughout your entire presentation session. Please prepare a a short (around three minutes) presentation for the judges. At least two judges will ask you to present your poster and will ask questions about your project. Keeping your presentation short, consice, allows for more feedback from the judges. The judging criteria and rubric can be found under Judging Materials on the conference website.

The poster presentations are scheduled throughout the day, based on presentation category. The judges may arrive at your poster at any time during your scheduled time block, which is available on the conference website.

Important information concerning class projects involving human subjects: If you would like to submit a project to the conference that falls in this category, please contact Tanta Myles in the Office for Research Compliance who will work with you to obtain the appropriate IRB determination.

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POSTER PRINTING

The Office for Research will pay to have your poster printed, but you must have it printed at University Printing. University Printing requires that your completed poster design be sent as a PDF. If you have a problem converting your file to PDF format, please contact Sydney Palmer.

You can e-mail the PDF file by March 22, 2018 to Lisa Stonecipher at University Printing. You will need to include in the email: a description of what you need printed, an attached PDF of your project, the size you need and that it is being printed for the Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference. Posters can be no larger than 36" by 48". Poster templates can be found under Student and Faculty Resources on the conference website.

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JUDGING

WHO ARE THE JUDGES?

Each participant will be judged by a group comprised of graduate students and a faculty member.

HOW ARE PRESENTATIONS JUDGED?

Judging criteria include content, materials, presenter attributes and responses to questions. See Student and Faculty Resources on the Conference website.

WHEN WILL MY POSTER BE JUDGED?

The judges may arrive to evaluate your poster at any time during the scheduled time block for your presentation category.

WHEN ARE AWARDS ANNOUNCED?

Official results will be posted on the conference website within a few days of the conference. Award winners will receive email notification.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

A summary schedule is available on the Conference website.

We cannot accommodate requests for specific presentation times. Well in advance of the Conference, you should determine your potential class conflicts and discuss them with the professors of those classes.

You should be prepared to be present for the entire block of time scheduled for your College.

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DAY OF THE CONFERENCE

WHERE IS THE CONFERENCE?

The third floor of the Ferguson Student Center.
Click here for directions.

WHERE CAN I PARK?

There will be NO reserved parking at the Ferguson Student Center. Students will have to park in their usual location. There are several lots for visitor parking. Click here for more information.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Business casual or professional attire is considered appropriate dress. Please be aware that there is no seating provided on the day of the conference so wear comfortable shoes.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

You only need to bring your poster, and any visual aids you may need during your presentation. Poster boards, stands, and clips will be provided.

WHICH ROOM WILL I BE IN?

Poster presentations will take place in the Ferguson Center ballroom on the third floor.

WILL THERE BE FOOD?

Snacks and drinks will be available for all participants.

WHAT HAPPENS AT CHECK-IN?

Check-in will be located in the Heritage Ballroom lobby. At check-in you will receive your nametag and poster number, as well as any last-minute information for the day.

Early check-in will be available the afternoon before the Conference. See Important Dates on the Conference website for information on early check-in.

DO I HAVE TO STAY ONCE I HAVE CHECKED IN AND SET UP?

You will need to be present during the time block for your presentation, which will be available on the conference website.

WHERE CAN I STORE MY BELONGINGS?

We will have a staffed bag check station at the conference. You may leave your belongings there.

WHEN ARE AWARDS PRESENTED?

Award recipients will be notified via e-mail after the Conference. This year's award luncheon will be held April 9, 2018 in the South End Zone of Bryant-Denny Stadium.

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