

SPRING SYMPOSIUM ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Abstract Guidelines

The Undergraduate Research Spring Symposium represents a means to celebrate the scholarly accomplishments of our undergraduate students by providing them with a venue in which to share the results of their independent research activities with all members of the BGSU learning community. Undergraduates in all disciplines are invited to present the results of their independent research projects and other creative activities. All University students, faculty and staff plus community members and friends are invited to attend. The symposium is funded by the Office of the Provost through the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Eligibility

- ◆ Any student enrolled as a full-time (12 hours) BGSU undergraduate student at the time of the presentation is eligible to submit an abstract.
- ◆ The work presented must be the result of independent research or other creative activity by the student (i.e., not simply a class project) under the guidance of a BGSU faculty mentor. The faculty mentor will be contacted to confirm their approval of the submitted abstract.
- ◆ Abstracts do not need to represent completed work, but must demonstrate sufficient progress for the student to provide some [preliminary] interpretation of the results.
- ◆ Abstracts submitted to, or presented at other research conferences during the current academic year are welcome.
- ◆ Deadlines for registration and abstract submission for this year's symposium can be found in the [Programs and Application Deadlines](#) web page.

Registration

- ◆ To help us best plan the symposium, please register your intent to submit an abstract by the deadline stated in the Programs and Application Deadlines section. Click here for the [electronic registration form](#).

Abstract Submission

- ◆ Abstracts should be submitted electronically; click here for [abstract submission form](#).
- ◆ Your abstract should be a brief (maximum of 250 words), but comprehensive summary of the work to be presented on your poster and should contain the following elements:
 - i. Purpose of the study/activity
 - ii. Specific objectives/hypothesis tested
 - iii. Experimental/analytical methods employed or developed
 - iv. Summary of results
 - v. Interpretation of results
 - vi. Conclusion and implications

- ◆ You should develop your abstract in consultation with your faculty mentor. Please have your faculty mentor proof read and approve your abstract prior to submission. Submissions not approved by a faculty mentor will be rejected.
- ◆ Click here to view [abstracts from previous symposiums](#).
- ◆ Click here for [advice on writing an abstract](#).

Notification

- ◆ Abstracts will be reviewed by faculty in the student's discipline. Notification of acceptance will be sent to the student and their faculty mentor by email within one week of the submission deadline. If you do not receive notification within one week of the submission deadline please contact the [Office of Undergraduate Research](#).
- ◆ A detailed schedule of the presentations and events associated with this year's symposium will be sent to you along with the acceptance notification.
- ◆ Accepted abstracts will be compiled in a booklet distributed at the symposium, and archived on the Office of Undergraduate Research website. Click here to view [abstracts from previous symposiums](#).