

CHARLES E. SHANKLIN AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE 2010-2011

The CHARLES E. SHANKLIN AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (hereafter the SHANKLIN AWARD) was established by Graduate Student Senate as a meritorious award to recognize excellence in original research by graduate students at Bowling Green State University. Mr. Charles E. Shanklin, a Bowling Green State University alumnus, generously contributed funds to Graduate Student Senate to further graduate research; thus, a special account for the SHANKLIN AWARD was established.

I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERION

Any graduate student currently registered at BGSU and in good standing with the established requirements of the Graduate College is eligible to compete for the Shanklin Award.

All forms of original research conducted at least in part while a graduate student at BGSU (including portions of dissertation and thesis work) are eligible for consideration. Each eligible student may submit one written research report per academic year. Failure to attend any of the competition events (oral presentation and reception) will result in disqualification from the competition.

II. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Only one paper may be submitted per graduate student, however, each individual graduate student may specify the division that they wish to enter. Students should hand deliver papers to:
*Graduate Student Senate Office
402 Bowen-Thompson Student Union*

The deadline is Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at **4:00 p.m.** Please note: Any papers received in the Graduate Student Senate Office after this deadline will **NOT** be eligible for competition.

III. THE STRUCTURE OF THE SHANKLIN AWARD

There will be a 1st place award of \$1,250.00 and a runner-up award of \$750.00 in each of the following divisions:

1. Arts and Humanities
2. Social and Behavioral Sciences
3. Sciences and Mathematics

**For the purpose of this research award each division includes the following graduate programs: **

Arts and Humanities

1. American Culture Studies
2. Art
3. English
4. Languages (French, German, Spanish)
5. Music
6. Philosophy
7. Popular Culture
8. Theatre and Film

Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences

1. Accounting & MIS
2. Applied Statistics & Operations Research
3. Business (All Programs)
4. Learning Design
5. Communication Sciences and Disorders
6. Criminal Justice
7. Economics
8. Education (All Programs)
9. Family and Consumer Sciences
11. History
12. Human Movement, Sports & Leisure
13. Media & Communication Studies
14. Political Science
15. Psychology
16. Sociology

Sciences and Mathematics

1. Biological Sciences
2. Chemistry
3. Computer Science
4. Geology
5. Mathematics and Statistics
6. Photochemical Sciences
7. Physics & Astronomy
8. Technology

THE SHANKLIN COMPETITION

I. PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION SESSION

Written research reports will be submitted to the Graduate Student Senate Honors and Awards Committee (please see the Instructions for Submission of Papers). The Chair will then forward the papers to the judges of the appropriate division *after author and department of enrollment have been deleted*. The judges will then select two finalists from each division (please refer to The Evaluation Criteria for the Preliminary Competition).

II. SHANKLIN FINALIST PRESENTATION SESSION

The two finalists in each division will give a 12-15 minute presentation of their paper followed by a 3-5 minute question and answer period on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 4:00-6.00 pm in 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. First place and runner-up positions will be determined on the basis of written research reports, oral presentations, and responses to questions (please refer to Evaluation Criteria for the Presentation). Finalists will be notified by April 8, 2011. The judges' final awards decision will be announced at the Shanklin Ceremony following the Presentations at the Shanklin Award Ceremony on the evening of April 21, 2011.

III. COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL OF JUDGES

Faculty from each category will be invited by the Honors and Awards Committee to serve one-year terms. The panel of judges will consist of nine members of the graduate faculty and there

will be three faculty members from each of the discipline categories of Arts & Humanities, Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences. The judges of each division will evaluate the written research reports within their respective divisions and choose two finalists. The entire panel of nine judges will evaluate the finalist's research papers and oral presentations to determine the first place and runner-up awards in each division.

IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

The finalists in each division will be selected on the quality of their research as reflected in their written report. The report will be evaluated for:

1. Demonstrated comprehension (understanding and explanation of problem and objectives of research)
2. Thoroughness of research (literature review, analysis of data.)
3. Content (organization, consistency, and quality of writing)
4. Originality and uniqueness

These qualities should be reflected in the abstract as well (see Instructions for Submission of Papers). In the initial stages of evaluation, the abstract will play an important role in the determination of potential finalists.

V. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE FINAL PRESENTATION

In addition to the written report, finalists will be judged on the quality of an oral presentation of their research. Visual aids (power point presentations, slides, film, etc.) may be used. The presentation will be evaluated for:

1. Clarity - Finalists should make their presentation understandable to an audience of all divisions.
2. Merit - The oral presentation should demonstrate the same qualities exhibited in the written report.
3. Professionalism – Punctuality and professional attire is mandatory for all finalists. The report should be presented in a professional manner. The presenter's response to questions is included in this category.
4. Timing - Finalists must limit their oral presentation to 10 minutes followed by a 3 minute question and answer session.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF A SHANKLIN AWARDS PAPER

Papers not conforming to these guidelines will be returned to the author. Returned papers may be corrected and re-submitted prior to the deadline. No extensions will be granted. Four (4) copies of your submission must be received in the Graduate Student Senate Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. It is suggested that you hand-deliver your submission, rather than rely on campus mail, as it must be received in the Graduate Student Senate Office by the deadline.

Cover Page

Copy #1: The cover page will include the title of the paper (if the research has been published, list here the full journal reference), the author's name, e-mail address, phone number, department of enrollment, and division of competition in which the paper will compete.

Copy 2, 3, & 4: The cover page will include the title of the paper (if the research has been published, list here the full journal reference), and the division of competition in which the paper will compete. (No name or identifying information on these copies.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do **not** include your name anywhere else in the document. Please note that only stapled copies will be accepted for submission in the GSS office.

Abstract*

In many ways the abstract is the most important portion of the paper. It provides the judges with an overview of your work and, in the crucial initial stages of the evaluation, to determine potential finalists. A one page (maximum) abstract will follow the cover page. The abstract must be on a separate page. The abstract should be a succinct and clear synopsis of the work that states the problem, specific objectives, methods and procedures, results and conclusions of the research.

Body of the Paper*

The body of the paper may not exceed **15 typed, double spaced pages, on 8.5 x 11 paper** (including footnotes and endnotes, but not including tables, figures, references, and appendices). The pages must be numbered. Given the potentially large number of papers to be evaluated by the judges, papers exceeding the 15-page limit will not be accepted and will be returned to the author. The paper should be formatted with 1" top, bottom, right, and left margins and all pages must be numbered (in the top, right-hand corner). The font size should be 12 point and the print quality must be sharp and clear *on all four copies*. Hand deliver **4 copies** of the paper by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2011 to:

Graduate Student Senate

402 Bowen Thompson Student Union

Please note that papers, which are submitted through the Shanklin awards process, are automatically eligible for non-juried presentation at the Charles E. Shanklin Colloquium on April 21, 2011. Please check the Shanklin Colloquium box if you plan to present the paper at the colloquium.

*Adapted from Thesis and Dissertation Handbook: The Graduate College, Bowling Green State University, and 2nd Edition.