

2018 GSA Reserach Symposium and Exposition

Call for Abstracts

The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) Research Symposium and Exposition is a unique opportunity for graduate students and advanced undergraduate students to bring together ideas and research findings from different disciplines and showcase their scholarly pursuits and achievements. It provides a platform for exhilarating exchanges of ideas, invigorating interactions and valuable networking between participants, faculties, departments and research entities as well as corporate bodies, which could pave the way for interdisciplinary research discussion and future collaboration.

Abstract Submission Instructions

- Submissions are welcome from graduate students and advanced undergraduates from all disciplines.
- We are accepting abstracts for poster presentations, oral presentations, flash talks, and creative installations (e.g. performances or showcases).
 - If you plan to present a creative installation, please provide an additional statement (one page max) describing what you plan to present and how you plan to present it. We will also accept a video presentation of your work (two minutes max).
- Abstract submissions will be accepted from **January 22, 2018 to February 7, 2018 at 11:59PM**. Accepted submissions will be notified by **February 26, 2018** at the latest.
- Abstracts must be submitted through the Qualtrics survey. We will not accept abstracts via e-mail.
- Abstracts are limited to 300 words/1500 characters or less
- Please list 3 to 5 keywords describing your research
- Abstracts should be accessible to a broader audience. Be careful not to use technical jargon and define necessary terms. Judges may not be familiar with your area of research but should still be able to understand your research clearly.
- All presenters are encouraged to submit an optional graphical abstract (single panel), in addition to the required worded abstract. Graphical abstracts are intended to promote interdisciplinary scholarship and help readers quickly identify research relevant to their own research interests. Please follow the format from the journal Cell Press, and submit as a .pdf file. Please label your file with the following title format: Graphical-Abstract_AuthorLastName.pdf

Presentation Types

- Poster Categories
 - During the poster sessions, the presenters will have a chance to discuss their work with the judges and interested colleagues.
 - Poster presenters are expected to be at their poster for at least a 2 hour block of time.
 - The maximum poster dimensions are 36" (height) by 48" (width) (appx. 80 cm x 120 cm).
 - Poster boards and pushpins will be provided.
 - The judges will evaluate the posters during the poster session.
- Oral Presentation
 - During the oral presentation sessions, authors will have a chance to discuss their research with the judges and interested colleagues.
 - The presenters will have 15 minutes to discuss their work take questions.
 - Each oral presentation will have a chair to facilitate the session.
 - The presenters are expected to bring their presentations on a flash drive and on their email. It is encouraged that presenters also bring their own laptop or tablet as a backup.
- Flash Talk

- During the flash talk sessions, authors will have a chance to discuss their research with the judges and interested colleagues.
- The presenters will have 5 minutes to discuss their work take questions.
- Each oral presentation will have a chair to facilitate the session.
- The presenters are expected to bring their presentations on a flash drive and on their email. It is encouraged that presenters also bring their own laptop or tablet as a backup.
- Creative Installation (e.g. artwork, musical performances, etc.)
 - Creative installations will be handled on a case-by-case basis, depending on the type of installation.
 - All creative installations must be no more than 20 minutes in length (setup time not included) and be able to fit within one of the meeting rooms in the GLC.
 - The review committee may request additional information (for example, a recorded demo may be requested for a musical performance).

Essential Information

- Accepted submissions will be notified by **February 26, 2018** at the latest.
- The GSA Research Symposium and Expo will be on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 in the Graduate Life Center. Registration will occur in the Multi-Purpose Room the day of the symposium.
- Please remember that you **MUST** communicate your research to a broader audience than your discipline and related fields. Be careful with technical jargon and be sure to define terms as necessary. Your judges may or may not be familiar with your area and must be able to understand your research clearly.
- Dress code for the symposium is business casual.

Questions? Email gsasymp@gmail.com