2019 Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Conference

Presentation Guidelines and Expectations

This document provides general guidelines to assist students in preparing presentation materials for the conference. Students are STRONGLY encouraged to work with their faculty/research advisor in preparing presentations. Dress code for the event is business or business casual. It is hoped that you will participate in the full day of events to maximize the benefits gained from a conference experience and to support your fellow researchers.

If you have any questions about the format or other requirements for presenting your research, please contact Keri Swaby (email: kswaby@vt.edu).

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

By default, all presentations will be in poster format.

- ✓ Posters should be 32" x 40" in size (either orientation accepted). Standing display boards and mounting tacks will be provided at the conference.
- ✓ You should plan to arrive at your assigned presentation session *AT LEAST* 15 minutes before it starts in order 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-hour in length.
- ✓ All posters should have a professional appearance and should include color, graphics, photographs, and/or 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 point. 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 should guide viewers through your research activity. Basic contents typically include: title; researcher's name(s); university and major; thesis or hypothesis statement; purpose/significance of study; data collection method; analysis, and; if appropriate, results/findings.
- ✓ During the weeks leading up to the conference, the OUR will offer several workshops to help you create a compelling poster. Sign up for one of the workshops now.
- ✓ Tips for creating effective posters can be found on our website: https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/our-services/poster-printing/poster-tips.html
- ✓ Please ask your faculty mentor to print your poster. Other poster printing options: https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/our-services/poster-printing/printing-oprions.html