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ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference

March 20-22, 2020

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Student Presenter Application Form
Deadline: January 29, 2020 at noon
Notifications by February 17

The 15th annual ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference will be held on March 20-22 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This conference, funded in-part by football championship dollars, focuses on excellence in undergraduate research and creative scholarship at the 15 ACC member schools and represents the power and synergy that can exist between athletics and academics.

Every year, each ACC school selects six exceptional representatives from diverse research areas to attend the ACC Meeting of the Minds conference. Successful applicants receive full support for travel and

accommodations.

Each applicant will be assessed on their perceived or proven ability to effectively present their project to a broad audience. Therefore, as part of this application, you **must** submit a sample of your research project work (poster, paper, etc), even if it is in draft form. In addition, a faculty member with close knowledge of your research or creative scholarship (such as your faculty mentor/advisor/professor) will be required to submit an endorsement of your work, your ability to present your results, and positively represent the university using the online form:

https://tinyurl.com/2020ACCMOMendorsement

Faculty endorsement deadline: **February 3, at 9am**.

Your application will not be complete and therefore will not be reviewed without a copy of your work and a faculty endorsement.

Please note that this conference only allows one student presenter per project.

If you have questions, please contact Keri Swaby (email: kswaby@vt.edu).

Student demographic information

Student Last Name:

Student First Name, Middle Initial:

E-mail:

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Year you plan to graduate with your bachelor's degree (e.g. Fall 2019, Spring 2020, etc.):

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Student academic information

College of your primary major:

- ○ CALS
- ○ CAUS
- ○ CLAHS
- ○ CNRE
- ○ COB
- ○ COE
- ○ COS
- ○ University Studies

Major 1:

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Major 2:

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Minor 1:

Minor 2:

Cumulative GPA (at beginning of this semester):

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Faculty Mentor Information

Faculty mentor name:

Faculty mentor primary department:

Faculty mentor E-mail:

If you have more than one mentor for the project, please give their name, institution, department, and institution below.

Please remember to contact your primary faculty mentor to provide an endorsement of your application using the online form:

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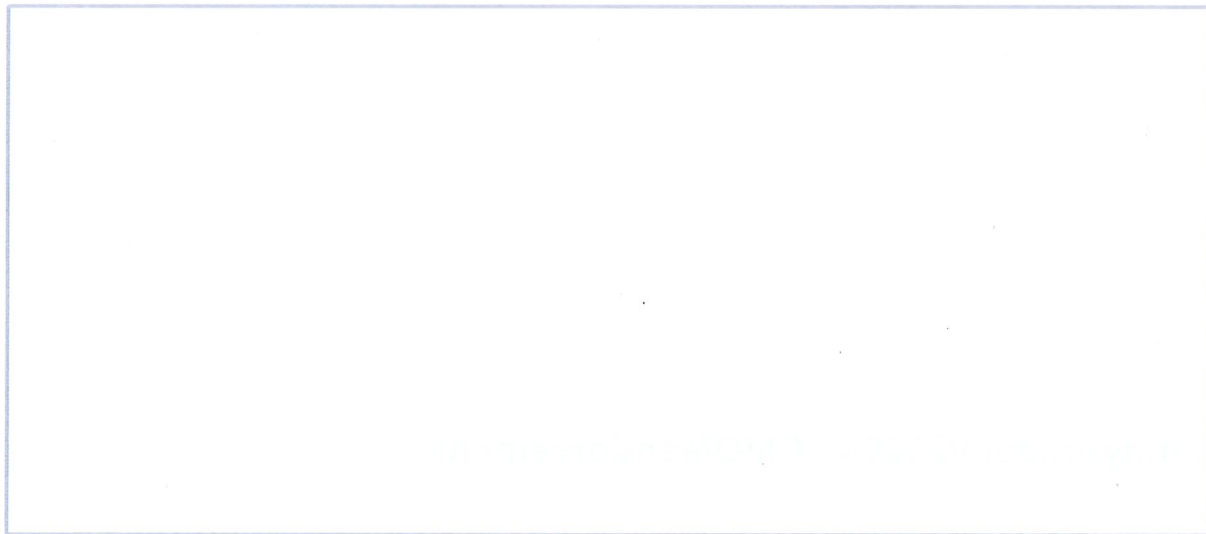**Faculty endorsements are required by February 3 at 9am.**

Project Information

Title of your project:

Abstract (1500 character, ~200 word, max):

Please make sure that you consult with and receive approval from your faculty advisor/mentor prior to submission.

The abstract should include the following:
1) Statement of the research question(s) or goals of project
2) Purpose of the study or creative works (i.e. big picture and where it fits in)
3) Methods or description of creative/analytic processes used
4) Summary of results or description of project outcome(s)

REQUIRED: Upload a copy of your project paper, poster or finished product in pdf format. Maximum file size is 20 MB. **Please note** that all submitted files will be downloaded as a batch so it is imperative that you use the following file naming convention: Studentlastname_Studentfirstname_ACCMOM.pdf

For how long have you conducted research related to *this* topic/project? (Please count summer as 1 semester)

○ Less than 1 semester

○ 1-2 semesters

○ 3-4 semesters

○ More than 4 semesters

Which of the following describes how you participated in this research/creative project? Select all that apply.

☐ For Academic Credit (Undergraduate Research or Independent Study credit hours)

☐ For Pay, Hourly Wage

☐ As Part of a Special Program for a Stipend/Fellowship (such as a REU)

☐ As a Volunteer

☐ As part of a class

If your research was conducted as part of your participation in a special program like (Scieneering, MAOP, SURF, or an NSF REU), please name that program.

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Describe your specific role and duties related to the project (1500 character, ~200 word max).

Please include an estimate of how many hours spent on the project over what period of time (Fall, spring, summer). If the project was for credit, please give the name of the course, CRN, and number of credit hours, If the project was as part of a special program, please give the name of the program.)

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Presentation Experience and Ability

Have you ever presented at a research conference before (either this project or another)?

○ Yes

○ No

If yes, please provide details of the conference(s)- name(s), location(s), date(s), presentation format(s), etc.

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Please explain why you feel that you will be able to effectively present your research/creative scholarship to a broad audience from a variety of backgrounds.

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Why do you feel that you will be a good ambassador for Virginia Tech at the ACC Meeting of the Minds conference? (200 word max)

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Conference Presentation Information

Preferred presentation type

Please note that in the past, the ACC has restricted the number of oral presentations per school. Please indicate your preferred presentation type, bearing in mind that we cannot guarantee this format. If you are not willing or able to present in any alternate format, please indicate that in the comment box below.

○ Oral

○ Poster

○ Performance

○ Display/Installation

○ Other [   ]

Comments and special considerations:

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How did you hear about the ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference?

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Selected students will be notified by February 17.

If you have any questions about the conference or selection process please contact Keri Swaby (email: kswaby@vt.edu).

Click the arrows below to submit your application. You will receive an automatically generated on-screen message confirming successful submission of your application; you will NOT receive email confirmation.

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