

Student Research & Creative Activity Spring Symposium



About the Spring Symposium

PURPOSE The Student Research & Creative Activity Spring Symposium celebrates and recognizes the outstanding scholarly accomplishments of our Sac State students. Central to the University's mission are the promotion of research, scholarship and creative activities by our faculty and students. Spring Symposium winners receive monetary prizes and move on to represent Sacramento State at the annual CSU Student Research Competition (held every late Spring).

ELIGIBILITY All Sacramento State registered undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate. Alumni who received their degrees in the spring, summer or fall of 2018 are also eligible to participate.

ENTRY AND SELECTION PROCEDURES To participate, students must complete the online registration form with their contact information, title of project, and name of faculty mentor.

Open date for the InfoReady online entry form coming soon!

ENTRY FORM Students must be sponsored by a faculty mentor overseeing their work. Each presentation may have up to two co-presenters (two student presenters total per project). All student presenters listed must be registered students or alumni.

All Spring Symposium participants must submit a **project summary**, including the following:

- The name(s) of the student(s), their major, and the title of the presentation.
- The narrative **may not exceed 5 doubled-spaced pages**. Use fonts and margins that ensure legibility.
- Appendices (bibliography, graphs, photographs, or other supplementary materials) may not exceed 3 pages.
- Research that has human or animal subjects involvement must have appropriate institutional review.

Students will select to participate in one of the following presentations categories: [1] Arts & Letters; [2] Engineering, Science & Math; [3] Health & Human Services; [4] Education, Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary; and [5] Biological Sciences.

PRESENTATION FORMAT The Spring Symposium will only showcase oral presentations (no posters). Students may choose to be judged (compete) or not be judged. Up to 10 student participants, who choose to make ***judged oral presentations***, are selected to compete in the Annual CSU Student Research Competition, which takes place in late April – early May.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES Students will be given 10 minutes to present their work and 5 minutes for questions and answers. Students are expected to prepare with their mentors and give effective presentations (not simply reading directly from their slides). Faculty jurors will use the rubric below to score presentations. Please read the jurors' criteria and prepare accordingly.

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PROVOST'S AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE Monetary awards will be made to the top student presenters (or teams) from the undergraduate and graduate divisions who elect to compete. In addition, faculty mentors of Provost's Award winners will also receive a professional development award in recognition of their contributions to the student's work.

The monetary prizes include \$300 first place and \$150 second place awards for ***judged oral presentations*** in the five categories to both the undergraduate and the graduate student levels. The top undergraduate and graduate students from each category will be selected to represent Sacramento State at the Annual CSU Student Research Competition.

For more information, contact the Student Research Center.

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