2020 Undergraduate Exhibition

Oral Presentation Guidelines and Criteria

All undergraduate students are eligible to submit an exhibition entry; research or creative projects may be entered for exhibition. Individual and group projects are eligible. Due to space and time limitations, applications (with completed faculty endorsements) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Entry forms must be completed and submitted online by 11:59 pm on March 22, 2020. The entry form requires a list of the performers, the intended area of entry, the faculty under whose guidance the project was completed (name and email), a short project abstract (75 word limit) describing the work for the program, and availability for judging presentation. Participants are requested to be present for a minimum of 2 hours at the exhibition (4-6 pm or 5-7 pm).

Though the work was accomplished with the support and guidance of a research adviser or instructor, eligible student participant(s) must be the principal contributor(s) to all projects submitted. Only one entry per student is permitted. All oral presentations will be judged within the same category by at least two qualified judges.

Oral Presentation Judging Categories
- Arts and Humanities (including Visual Arts)
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Engineering
- Health and Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

ORAL PRESENTATION (1 VISUAL/5 MINUTES) GUIDELINES:

Oral presentations must serve two purposes: 1) convey the project’s significance to scholars in the field, and 2) convey the project’s potential significance to the general public. Presentations cannot exceed 5 minutes. There will be an additional 2 minutes for questions from the audience. A total of 3 minutes is allowed for set-up and tear-down combined.

The oral presentation format is designed and intended to be used by students with projects in disciplines that do not normally present in poster format. Any oral presentation displaying a traditional research poster will not be judged.

Students accepted for oral presentation will be assigned a location and presentation time between 4 PM and 7 PM. Students are expected to be at their presentation location at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the presentation.

For judging criteria, please see oral presentation rubric.

AWARDS AVAILABLE

Undergraduate Education Exhibition Awards
Monetary awards are presented in each category of presentation.
The Phi Kappa Phi Peter T. Luckie Award for Outstanding Exhibit by a Junior is sponsored by the Penn State Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society. The award recognizes an outstanding junior entry in each of the three following areas: Arts and Humanities; Sciences and Engineering; and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Each award is accompanied by a $250 prize. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1900 and initiates junior and senior students from all disciplines who have demonstrated academic excellence. The society lives up to its motto, "Let the love of learning rule humanity," by sponsoring fellowships and academic services and providing support to encourage the pursuit of learning in all disciplines and at all levels. Information about the Penn State chapter may be found at www.phikappaphi.psu.edu.

The University Libraries Undergraduate Research Award
This award recognizes undergraduate research that showcases accomplished and exemplar information literacy skills. Students demonstrate these skills in a variety of ways, such as in a bibliography that captures the scholarly conversation in a field of study; in a literature review that contextualizes the student’s work within their discipline; or in the use of manuscript, archival, or other primary sources to conduct original research. For more information, including the judging rubric, on this award see: https://libraries.psu.edu/about/awards-scholarships-internships-and-graduate-assistantships/university-libraries-undergraduate

The Gerard A Hauser Award
The grand prize award of $500 is offered to the exhibit or presentation designated as best overall.

Questions about the Undergraduate Exhibition should be directed to Dr. Alan Rieck, Associate Vice President and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, 417 Old Main, Phone: 814-863-1864