Life Sciences South Florida STEM Undergraduate Research Symposium

Presentation Submission Guidelines
The Life Sciences South Florida STEM Undergraduate Research Symposium will showcase the scientific work of South Florida’s undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), students through student poster and oral presentations. All participants in the symposium gain valuable experience, presentation skills, and recognition by their peers, local colleges and universities, as well as life science industries. Judging will take place during each presentation, and prizes will be awarded at the end of the day for outstanding projects.

Abstracts for presentation submissions will be evaluated at each institution. The institutions will select up to 10 qualifying participants per institution for the symposium. Each institution will nominate up to 8 poster presentations and up to 2 oral presentations.

- Poster boards will be limited to four feet (1.22 m) wide and three feet (0.91 m) high with information organized in columns.*
- Oral presentation will be limited to an eight minute presentation with an additional 2 minutes for questions.

Abstracts will be judged at the institutional level according to the following criteria:

- Significance and importance of the topic
- Appropriateness of the research question
- Choice of research methods and procedures
- Interpretation of results
- Clarity of the abstract

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ✔ Submission Deadline: Monday, February 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
- ✔ Symposium Date: Saturday, April 2, 2016, Broward Community College, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Presentation Submission Application and Abstract should be submitted via email to Maria Robertson mrobertson@miami.edu.

*All posters must be approved by the faculty research advisor prior to printing. Selected students are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes to the symposium and be prepared to interact with industry and university partners.

Questions? Email Maria Robertson, Manager, Office of Undergraduate Research at mrobertson@miami.edu or telephone 305-284-5058.

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Application

The presentation submission application and the abstract should be submitted as one document. This document is to be sent as an email attachment, created in MS Word.

Student(s) Name(s)  
Student(s) email Address(es)  
Contact Phone Number  
Department/Program  
Faculty Advisor’s Name  
Faculty Advisor’s email address  

Presentation Format:  
Circle one: Poster or Oral (PowerPoint)

ABSTRACT  
(copy and paste your abstract here following guidelines below)

Abstract Guidelines

- An abstract is a summary of the essentials of the research project which includes the following:
  - A clearly defined research question and the purpose of the study
  - A concise discussion of the research methodology,
  - The project findings (final or in process)
- The title of the abstract should be as concise as possible and should appear in bold, lowercase and centered
- Co-authors and affiliations appear below the title in italics (the name of the presenting author should appear first).
- The word “Abstract” should appear below the affiliation and should be emboldened, centered, and underlined.
- The body of the abstract follows after a spacing line.
- The body of the abstract is to be no longer than 250 words in portrait layout, single-spaced, and full justified.

Sample Abstract:

The Title is to be Centered on the Page  
John Smith, Sally Jones, and Jim Advisor, Ph.D.  
University of Miami, Miami, FL

Abstract:

The body of this abstract sample template contains important instructions that MUST be followed. Note the formatting above, including bold, spacing, and underlining. Your abstract (which is a summary of your project) goes here and should be no longer than 250 words. This document is single spaced and formatted in 12-point Times New Roman font. Your faculty advisor must review and approve the abstract prior to submission.