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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

32nd Annual Student Research Competition

Information

Application Deadline: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 12 noon

PURPOSE
The Student Research Competition promotes excellence in undergraduate and graduate research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student scholarship across all disciplines. Monetary awards will be made to the top presenters in each category, and up to 10 outstanding presentations may be nominated by the faculty jury to advance to the CSU statewide competition held at Sacramento State on May 4-5, 2018. Participants may co-present a collaborative project (note: awards and nominations are per presentation, not per individual).

DATE, TIME, LOCATION
Friday, March 9, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mary Stuart Rogers Building (MSR) 130

CATEGORIES AND AWARDS
Students from all disciplines are invited to apply to present in one of five likely categories:

- Undergraduate Arts and Humanities
- Undergraduate Social Sciences
- Undergraduate Natural and Physical Sciences
- Graduate Arts and Humanities
- Graduate Natural, Physical, and Social Sciences

The names of categories are subject to change as ORSP/CEGE shall exercise discretion in grouping presentations by affinity to create categories of equitable size to the extent possible.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
The following individuals are eligible for participation:

- Undergraduate and Graduate students currently enrolled at Stan State; and
- Stan State alumna/alumnae who received their degrees in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2017.

All applicants must be nominated by a faculty sponsor.

COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- Each competitor has 10 minutes to orally present their work before a jury and audience, and 3 minutes to respond to jury and audience questions.
- Supporting audio-visual materials are encouraged.
- Entrants presenting creative arts/design projects may present an audio and/or visual record of a performance they have given or a work they have created, and they are encouraged to focus the oral presentation on the rationale and historical context underlying their interpretation of the material.
- Each competitor must submit as part of the application a Written Summary paper for his/her research/creative activity
    - Maximum 5 pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, 1" margins
    - Up to 3 additional pages of bibliography, appendices, tables, figures, or other supplementary materials may also be included
    - Research that has human or animal subjects' involvement must also submit proof of appropriate institutional review and approval.
- It is expected that entrants will not make an oral presentation by simply reading directly from the written summary.
- The research/creative activity should be appropriate to the student's discipline and career goals.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The presentation and written summary are judged based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of purpose
- Appropriateness of methodology
- Interpretation of results
- Value of the research or creative activity
- Ability of the presenter to articulate the research or creative activity
- Organization of the materials presented
- Presenter's ability to handle questions from the jury and general audience

AWARDS RECEPTION

Award winners and nominees for the 2018 statewide competition will be announced at a reception following the competition in MSR 130.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Each competitor must complete and submit an application at https://csustan.infoready4.com to be considered for participation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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