Call for the 2020 GURC Posters at the Georgia State Capitol

The second annual “Posters at the Georgia Capitol” will take place on February 25, 2020, from 1-4 p.m. (includes set up and take down times) in Atlanta, Georgia. Any student who will be enrolled as an undergraduate student in the Spring of 2020 in a public or private Institution located in the State of Georgia is eligible to apply. Applicants with presentation experience across a variety of audiences receive priority. Research that crosses disciplines or has multiple disciplinary implications are preferred; however, other quality research will be considered. Presenting at the Capitol does NOT require that you submit research that has not been presented by you previously. It is recommended that you submit a research project that has been accepted and that you have presented within the last two academic years at another conference.

Posters at the Georgia State Capitol applications will be accepted through https://kb.gcsu.edu/posters from October 4, 2019 through October 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants will be notified by November 15, 2019, as to acceptance decisions. Poster drafts must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. to postersatcapitol@gcsu.edu on January 6, 2020, or acceptance to present will be withdrawn. If the Capitol staff determines any posters to be unacceptable then the presenters will be notified ASAP and their poster will be withdrawn from the event.

Before beginning the application, please have the following information available:

Know your …
1) Home street address and city
2) State legislative House district for your personal home street address (non-US residents select NA)
3) State legislative Senate district for your personal home city address (non-US residents select NA)
4) Name of the Department Chair at lead student’s enrolled institution and email address
5) Mentors(s) first and last name, email address, and telephone number
6) Coauthor(s) first and last name, email address, and telephone number
7) Prepare an abstract of between 200 to 250 words written for an educated audience who does NOT have experience in the field of study. Be sure to have your faculty mentor guide you in writing the abstract.
8) Write a 1-2 sentence description of the significance of your research to the discipline and the uniqueness of your research.
9) Have your mentor prepare a letter of recommendation to be uploaded at time of application. If there is more than one mentor, then mentors should write a combined letter. The letter must include the following:
   • Status of the project as to the probability of completion by 2/25/20,
   • Acknowledgement that the student did the research,
   • Statement as to the student’s command of the subject matter,
   • Statement that speak to the student presenter’s communication skills,
   • Statement that identifies the student’s previous experiences of presenting material to various audiences,
   • Include mentor(s’) contact information, and
   • Save the letter in a .doc or .pdf formation for uploading in the application.

There is room for ONLY one presenter per poster. Only the student submitting the application will be eligible to present. All other coauthors names will be listed as co-authors on the program but only one presenter will be present and listed as the presenter.

Also,
• Prepare a 250 word or less biography on your prior research, work experience, or volunteer experience
• Prepare a brief discussion of your presentation experience (250 words or less) both to academic and non-academic audiences
Poster Presentation - A poster is a static, visual medium (usually of the paper or board variety) that students use to communicate their research. The difference between poster and paper presentations is that students should let their poster do most of the "talking." Up to 40 quality undergraduate research posters will be selected for presentation.

1) The material presented on the poster should convey the essence of the research message.
2) Student who fills out the application MUST be present during the designated time to answer questions and provide further details.
3) Poster requirements are landscape or portrait 36" tall by 44" wide or 44" tall x 36" wide.
4) If funding was received for any part of the research project or for presenting the research, then the funding agency or agencies must be identified on the poster.
5) If your research is selected for presentation, you will be responsible for the following:
6) Providing an electronic copy of the poster (drafts acceptable) no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2020 via email to postersatcapitol@gcsu.edu
   (Posters with any vulgarity or political agendas are subject to rejection by the State government representative for this event)
7) No expenses are covered by the GURC for poster printing, displaying of the poster, travel to and from the Capitol, park, or any other expenses related to the GURC Posters at the Georgia State Capitol. (Contact your institution for support before applying for the event.

Expectations the Day of the Event

1) Arrive at the Capitol Building by 12:30 p.m. on presentation day in order to have time to clear security
2) Bring a State identification (e.g., driver's license or passport)
3) Dress is business professional attire.
4) Demonstrate professional presentation behavior at all times
5) We highly encourage mentors to attend to support their students (though the students will do the presentation).

This undergraduate research presentation opportunity is an initiative of the Georgia Undergraduate Research Collective (GURC). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any Posters at the Georgia State Capitol Committee members by copying or pasting this link into your browser https://www.gcsu.edu/murace/posters-state-capitol or click on LINK.