Call for the 2021 GURC Posters at the Georgia State Capitol

The third annual “Posters at the Georgia Capitol” will take place on February 24, 2021, from 1-4 p.m. (includes set up and take down times) in Atlanta, Georgia. Any student who is enrolled as an undergraduate student in the Spring of 2021 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, but 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 September 18, 2020 through November 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants will be notified by December 16, 2020, as to acceptance decisions. Poster drafts must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. to postergencapitol@gcsu.edu by January 15, 2021, or acceptance to present will be withdrawn.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staff determines any posters to be unacceptable then the presenters will be notified ASAP and their poster will be withdrawn from the event.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) Click here for your State legislative House and Senate district for your personal home street address (non-US residents select NA)
3) Name of the Department Chair at lead student’s enrolled institution and email address
4) Mentors(s) first and last name, email address, and telephone number
5) Coauthor(s) first and last name, email address, and telephone number
6) Prepare an abstract of a minimum words acceptable word count of 200 but no more than the maximum acceptable words of 250 (any abstracts that do not meet these criteria will not be sent for review). The abstract must be written for an educated audience who does NOT have experience in your field of study. Be sure to have your faculty mentor guide you in writing the abstract.
7) Write a 1-2 sentence description of the significance of your research to the discipline and the uniqueness of your research.
8) 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 and probability of completion by February 24, 2021,
   • Acknowledgement that the student did the research,
   • Statement as to the student’s command of the subject matter,
   • Statement that speaks to the student’s presentation 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.

The number of presenters at the poster is limited to one at a time with no more than two possible presenters per project at the Capitol. Only those listed as the first and/or second presenter will be permitted to present. All other co-authors names are eligible to be listed as co-authors on the poster but will not be listed as presenters.

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**

*An oral presentation can be converted to a 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:
   a. 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
   b. Proofreading your poster. Posters with any vulgarity or political agendas are subject to rejection by the State government representative for this event.
6) 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](https://www.gcsu.edu/murace/posters-state-capitol).