

STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

California State University, Bakersfield
Friday, March 6, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Place – DeZemmer Leadership Center
Rooms 104 D & 402
Business Development Center Room TBD

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The competition is held to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate scholarly research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments at California State University, Bakersfield.

WHOMAYAPPLY

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at any CSU campus, as well as alumni/alumnae who received their degrees in spring, summer, or fall 2014, are eligible. The research presented should be appropriate to the student's discipline and career goals. Proprietary research is excluded. Presentations from all disciplines are invited. There will be separate undergraduate and graduate divisions for each of the following categories (unless a division has fewer than three entrants, in which case undergraduate and graduate divisions will be combined). The nine categories are as follows:

- Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Biological and Agricultural Sciences
- Business, Economics, and Public Administration
- Creative Arts and Design (*creative projects are welcome--see "Competition Guidelines"*)
- Education
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences
- Humanities and Letters
- Physical and Mathematical Sciences

HOWTOAPPLY

Interested students will submit a **Registration Form** and *five* copies of a written summary of the research to the Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs, DDH/D108. The rules governing this written summary are as follows:

- Each copy must include the name of the student and the title of the presentation.

- The narrative may not exceed five *doubled-spaced pages*. Use fonts and margins that ensure legibility.
- Appendices (bibliography, graphs, photographs, or other supplementary materials) may not exceed *three pages*.
- It is expected that the student will not make an oral presentation by simply reading directly from this summary.

Submit the registration form and paper to: Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs
DDH/D108

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Each student will have ten minutes for an oral presentation of his or her work and three minutes to listen and respond to juror and audience questions. All entrants may use audiovisual material as appropriate, and presenters are encouraged to use delivery techniques that promote interaction with the audience. Entrants in the Creative Arts and Design category may present an audio and/or visual record of a performance they have given or a work they have created; their oral presentation should focus on the rationale and historical context underlying their interpretation of the material.

Each entry (oral presentation and written summary) will be judged on the following:

- Clarity of purpose - 15%
- Appropriateness of methodology - 15%
- Interpretation of results - 15%
- Value of the research or creative activity - 15%
- Ability of the presenter to articulate the research or creative activity - 15%
- Organization of the material presented - 15%
- Presenter's ability to handle questions from the jury and general audience - 10%

Research involving human or animal subjects must first be authorized by the CSUB Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Contact Dr. Suter (ssuter@csub.edu or 661-654-2373 or Gwen Parnell (gparnell@csub.edu or 661-654-2231)

AWARDS

Based on the recommendations of the juries, cash awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions of each category. If a category has been combined because there are fewer than three presenters in one division, awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up without regard to class standing. In any division with just three entrants, only one award will be given.

QUESTIONS

Student questions should be directed to Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs by telephone at 654-2231 or by e-mail to gparnell@csub.edu.