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Graduate Research Competition



March 5th, 2014 - Ballroom, Kansas Union

Application Deadline: February 10, 2014

The Office of Graduate Studies invites graduate students to apply to participate in the 2014 Graduate Research Competition, which will be on March 5, 2014. The competition is a campus-wide event focusing on graduate student research and provides graduate students the opportunity present their research to faculty judges and peers from across the University. Students can apply to give a poster presentation or an oral presentation. Prizes will be awarded by Graduate Studies.

Participants with oral and poster presentations in engineering or the social/behavioral/physical/biological sciences may also elect to participate in the Sigma Xi Research Paper competition. Those electing to participate will be judged during their presentations and the top early and advanced graduate students will receive a token of recognition at the Sigma Xi award ceremony in May 2014. (Early graduate students are defined as master's candidates or doctoral students who have not passed comprehensive exams. Advanced graduate students are defined as doctoral students who

have passed preliminary/comprehensive exams.) Award winners in the Sigma Xi competition will also receive one free year of membership in the KU Chapter of [Sigma Xi](#). Sigma Xi is an international, multidisciplinary research society whose mission is to enhance the health of the research enterprise, foster integrity in science and engineering, and promote the public's understanding of science for the purpose of improving the human condition.

Nonparticipants, both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty, are encouraged to attend. Attendees will be exposed to the breadth and depth of the research being pursued across the University and have networking opportunities.

The downloadable program features the following activities for students:

Poster Presentations 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Oral Presentations 1:00 – 4:30 pm

Poster Presentation

Poster presentations will be given by individual students. The application process is now closed.

- Title of Poster
- Poster Presenter's information: First and Last Name, Department/Program affiliation, email address
- Poster Abstract: Briefly explain the research presented (maximum of 250 words)

Oral Presentations

Oral presentations will consist of one hour sessions with panels of three presenters and a panel leader, with all participants united by a topic relevant to their research (a presenter can also be a panel leader). Preference will be given to panels that are multi-disciplinary, defined as including presenters from more than one department or program.

The topics for proposed panels are open to your discretion. Be creative: for example, topics could include a shared methodology, geographic area, human population, or physical process. Also, feel free to unify the panel around the university's strategic initiative themes:

- Sustaining the Planet, Powering the World
- Promoting Well-Being, Finding Cures
- Building Communities, Expanding Opportunities
- Harnessing Information, Multiplying Knowledge

To apply to give an oral presentation, please submit the following information in a proposal. The application process is now closed.

- Title of Panel
- Panel Description: Briefly explain the panel's shared topic in one to two sentences

- Panelists' information: First and Last Names, Department/Program affiliations, email addresses, presentation titles and abstracts (maximum of 250 words per panelist)

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Frequently asked questions:

Why should I participate in the Graduate Research Competition?

The Graduate Research Competition is an opportunity for you to present and share your research with others from the wider campus community. It is also something to add to your CV. And you might even win an award!

How do you determine the winners of the Graduate Research Competition?

Faculty members from various departments generously donate their time to judge the student presentations. Student will be judged on their knowledge of the research topic, the clarity and effectiveness of delivery, and the organization and completeness of the presentation.

I need help with my abstract. Where can I find advice and information?

If you need help writing the abstract, consider visiting the [KU Writing Center](#) or attending the Abstract Writing Workshop.

Additional advice may be found on the following websites:

<http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/abstracts/>

http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/presentations_abstracts_examples.html

I need accessibility accommodations. How can I receive support?

If you are in need of an accommodation due to a disability, please submit your request at least seven days in advance of the event to the Office of Graduate Studies. Email graduate@ku.edu, or phone (785) 864-8040.

Do you have other questions? Please contact us at graduate@ku.edu.



Panel discussion on the relationship between the media and the military, today at 5:30, Watkins Museum in downtown Lawrence.



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