

**UW-Superior Day of Celebration of Undergraduate Research,  
Scholarship and Creative Activities (URSCA)**

**April 16, 2014**

**Event Guidelines**

The Day of Celebration is an opportunity for students from each academic department at UW Superior to showcase research, scholarly, and creative activities. The URSCA Committee invites all academic departments to select student projects to showcase at this event. The URSCA Center will fund the production of up to five (5) posters from each department. Additional posters, funded by the department, and/or presentations in alternate formats such as musical performances, artwork, or multi-media presentations are welcome, space permitting. Departments planning to submit more than (5) projects or use an alternate format should contact Julie O'Leary, URSCA Director.

Each department should submit the titles of selected projects, student participant names, and faculty mentors to Julie O'Leary at [joleary3@uwsuper.edu](mailto:joleary3@uwsuper.edu) by Friday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Below are some guidelines you may find helpful. Please contact us with any questions! We want this year's event to be as inclusive as possible for URSCA activities from all disciplines on campus.

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**Student Projects**

Student projects should fit the definition of undergraduate research, scholarship or creative activity. UW-Superior generally subscribes to the following definition:

*Undergraduate research scholarship and creative activity is an inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate with a faculty mentor that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.*

URSCA also includes the broader more inclusive definition when considering proposals: undergraduate research in the arts and humanities is student-driven, faculty-mentored inquiry, scholarly investigation, and/or creative activity. The undergraduate researcher's work may contribute to outcomes including, but not limited to, individual or collaborative analytical writing; oral presentation; small analytical products; works of visual art; compilations of scholarship; exhibits; musical compositions; plays; performance; public scholarship; and/or peer-reviewed publication. Whatever the research product, its value

is generally weighed by standards specific to experts in the field, whether jurors, editors, or reviewers.

### **Project Selection**

Each department is asked to select the students to showcase at this event using their own guidelines. Ideally, the Department Chair will solicit potential projects from faculty and staff.

We welcome all types of student projects, including those which do not lend themselves to a poster format. Departments are encouraged to propose alternative format, such as a multi-media or computer presentation, artwork, or musical performance and we will accommodate you as best we can. Space is limited, however, so please contact Anne Carlson or Julie O'Leary if you are considering this option.

- Projects may involve one or more students.
- Projects may be complete or in progress.
- Departments may select more than 5 projects to represent their disciplines, but URSCA will only pay to produce 5 posters per department.

### **Project submission**

Department chairs or designee should submit all projects for presentation at the Day of Celebration to Julie O'Leary at [joleary3@uwsuper.edu](mailto:joleary3@uwsuper.edu) by **February 28**:

For each project:

1. Title of project
2. Names of all students working on the project
3. Names of advisors mentoring each student/project

If your department is submitting more than 5 projects which involve posters, please identify the 5 URSCA will be printing. Your department will be responsible for producing any additional posters.

### **Poster guidelines**

We recognize that not all fields of study use posters to disseminate research findings or share creative activities. However, posters provide a useful way for students to share their work and to initiate conversation around a project. The URSCA Center has limited funds to print up to 5 posters per department.

- We need all posters in electronic files by **Monday, March 24**. Send them to Anne Carlson at [abiros@uwsuper.edu](mailto:abiros@uwsuper.edu)
- Poster templates will be provided for URSCA funded posters.
- The templates are in PowerPoint to facilitate the printing process.
- We cannot support printing of images or photographs due to copyright and financial limitations. If students would like to include an image or photograph, it may be printed separately and displayed with the poster at the event.
- If a department would like to pay for printing some or all of their own posters in a similar fashion, they may do so. Please tell us if this is the case.
- Posters that have been printed for other presentation venues may be used for the Day of Celebration.
- Poster boards (28 x 40) and easels will be provided for the event. Larger posters will need to come with their own boards.
- Students may bring supporting materials to enhance their poster presentation, such as a manuscript, instrument, or photograph.

### **Student responsibilities**

The Day of Celebration is Wednesday, April 16 from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Yellowjacket Union.

- Students should bring their completed posters, artwork, or other projects to the YU Great Room by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday.
- Poster boards, and binder clips for mounting posters will be available, and easels will be provided.
- Students should be present from 3-5 p.m. to present their projects.
- Students should dress professionally and be prepared to talk about their project with attendees at the event.

### **DEADLINES**

#### **February 28**

- Titles of selected projects, student participant, and faculty mentor names due to the URSCA Center
- Identify 5 posters (if applicable) for URSCA funded printing

#### **March 24**

- **Students** submit completed URSCA sponsored posters to the URSCA Center for printing
- **Departments** confirm names of all student participants and mentors with the URSCA Center for the event brochure
- **Departments** should have all additional to Technology Services this week to insure printing can be completed by April 16th