



The University of Alabama Graduate Student Association

Call for Proposals

For

The 11th Annual GSA

Research and Thesis Conference

March 8th, 2008

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11th ANNUAL UA GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 11th Annual UA Graduate Student Research Conference will be held Saturday, March 8th, 2008. The goal of this event is to enhance student awareness and involvement in research. All students participating in research of various fashions (quantitative, qualitative, practical applications, rhetorical analyses, literature reviews, historical reviews, original theories, etc.) are encouraged to submit their proposals.

The main goals of the conference are to provide an opportunity for students to showcase their work and to promote understanding and communication between interdepartmental fields. Presentations from departments that are closely related to each other will be presenting their work in the same presentation rooms. The GSA is pleased to announce the inclusion of a new field for this year's conference: Humanities. The five main fields will be Business, Engineering, Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. For more information about the five fields, contact GSA at gsa@bama.ua.edu.

Moreover, additional benefits are to have students think about higher goals and benefits of their research by presenting their work in a way that is accessible and understandable to those who are close to their discipline and to create a positive university research environment by promoting student research. All the students presenting their work will ultimately enjoy the additional enhancement in presentation skills and the conference is believed to be a great opportunity for students to practice before traveling to regional, national and even international conferences.

Submissions are not limited to thesis and dissertations research. Any academic research is encouraged. All students are encouraged to participate by presenting and attending to the conference. An open invitation is extended to all students to attend the conference and discover the exciting research that is taking place in their fields.

Limited presentation slots available, submit your proposals now!!

CALL FOR PROPOSALS GUIDELINES:

Presentations:

- Presentation sessions will be 15 minutes in length.
- There will be 3 presentations per hour with the last 15 minutes of each hour designated for Q&A
- Students presenting are required to remain in their session during the entire hour.
- A moderator will introduce the presenter and keep time during each session. No presentation beyond 20 minutes will be allowed.
- Every presenter will be awarded with a "**Certificate of Attendance**".
- Based on presentation evaluations made by the jury, the top three presenters will receive a **monetary award** as well as a **plaque**.

Poster Sessions:

- Participants will set up a conference appropriate poster (8' long x 4' tall poster board). For helpful hints, visit www.scifor.com/Guidelines.htm
- Poster should include Title, Author, Abstract, Results, and Discussion. Other sections (e.g., data, graphs, methodology) can be included.
- Participants will need to stand with their poster for at least an hour and should be prepared to answer questions. Handouts are encouraged, but not required.

You may submit one project for presentation or poster or both OR you may submit one project for presentation and one for poster. Only the PRESENTATION sessions are competitive!

Audiovisual:

Audiovisual equipment will be limited to one laptop and projector per room.

Registration Fee:

There is **no registration fee** for participants.

Online Information:

The information and submission for contained in this brochure are also located online at:

<http://www.gsa.ua.edu/>

Deadline for Submission:

February 15, 2008

Submission Requirements:

- Submission proposal cover sheet (below or can be found online at <http://www.gsa.ua.edu/>)
- Abstract of submission (maximum 1 typed, double spaced summary, 12 font size)
- Return completed cover sheet and abstract **via email** to gsa@bama.ua.edu

Notification: All students submitting a proposal will be notified of the status of their proposal at the end of February, 2008.

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Submission Proposal Cover Sheet

(Please type, save, and email this form along with your one sheet abstract to gsa@bama.ua.edu with a subject line "Research Conference Submission")

Title of the submission:

Name (as you wish it to appear on the program directory)

Degree and major you are currently working towards (such as Ph.D., Economics)

Local Address (please also include you department address if you have one)

Home Phone

Office Phone

If there are co-authors for you submission, list their full name(s), degree/major, and if they are student or faculty

Name(s)

Degree(s)/Major(s)

Student/Faculty

Please indicate which event(s) you wish to participate in: Presentation, Poster or Both

Initials

Date
