Pre-conference Workshop Series

Get prepared to show off your work!

Research Poster
Thursday, April 5
4:00-6:00pm in LC 3c

Effective Presentation Skills
Thursday, April 12
4:00-6:00pm in LC 3c

Attendees will be entered to win a
FREE poster print
Spring is here and the 15th Annual UAlbany Undergraduate Research Conference is right around the corner! On April 27th in the LC Concourse over 100 students will be showcasing their research and creative projects. All are invited to attend this event. Come interact with these outstanding students at the poster session, or join the audience at an oral presentation.

Appetizers, snacks, and desserts will be provided following the presentation of the Presidential Awards for Undergraduate Research to honor student researchers nominated by their respective colleges.

University President Dr. Rodriguez and Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education Dr. Altarriba will provide remarks. Also, be sure not to miss a special keynote by co-founder of the Underground Railroad History Project, Paul Stewart.

The poster sessions will run from 3:00-4:30 pm.

Oral presentation sessions are from 3:15-4:30 pm, and 5:00-6:15 pm.

Conference Welcome will occur at 4:30 pm.

Presidential Awards for Undergraduate Research will be presented starting at 6:15pm, with a reception to follow.

All conference events will occur in the LC Concourse on Friday, April 27th.

Insight from one of Last Year's Presenters

“I am petrified of presenting, my hands get shaky, I feel nauseous; it is easily one of my biggest fears. But when it’s done, I am on cloud nine, you can't wipe the smile off my face, and each time it gets a little easier.”
--Molly MacIsaac, Class of 2018
What about summer?

We've had a number of students asking us about summer research. Here's what UGR Ambassador Peri Sosensky has to say about her experiences:

"Currently a sophomore with the goal of attending medical school, I understood early that participating in scholarly research is an important aspect of preparing for medical school admission and preparedness in the medical profession. So, just like last summer, I will continue my participation in last year's research and start another at Yale University and Yale-New Haven Hospital over the summer.

My first study, from last summer, involves examining the biological associations between sleep, stress, and health among toddlers living in socioeconomically disadvantaged homes. I attend home visits and assist the principal investigator in creating code books and other research and report components, including learning how to “clean” the data collected to detect and remove corrupted or incorrect data points.

The other study involves investigating a different way to treat Eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE), an allergic inflammatory disease of the esophagus. I will be interviewing patients after their procedure and gathering feedback or data on their experience.

I believe that participating in research and being a research assistant over the summer provides me some perspective on my studies during the school year while, and keeps me engaged and learning over the summers, in a simulated future work environment, too.

Now, about getting research positions during the summer, use your connections, connections, and connections. Ask your doctor, your parents’ friends, your friends’ parents, send your resume to a college or hospital department head or local company with a department of research, testing, or the like, together with an appropriate cover letter, and local volunteer organizations, to name a few.

My expectation is that participating in undergraduate research is a good indicator to medical schools that I am self-motivated, interested in and committed to medicine and the underlying work, which I hope will provide me with an edge at admissions and some assuredness of my success in medical school."

"...being a research assistant over the summer provides me some perspective on my studies ...and keeps me engaged and learning"
- Peri S.
Student Researcher of the Month
Meet Leah Gloskey!

Leah is a junior Biology and Psychology major looking forward to a career in the medical field. She is currently working on her Honors Thesis in Dr. Heather Sheridan’s Visual Cognition Lab. Leah’s research is looking at eye movement during visual search tasks utilizing the latest eye tracking technology. Originating in the medical field of radiology, where doctors were identifying chest abnormalities on an X-ray, the Visual Cognition Lab is looking at the same effect in other disciplines of study. Her research is looking at student’s ability to identify spelling errors while proofreading. Leah is looking forward to presenting her thesis at this year’s 15th Annual University at Albany Undergraduate Research Conference.

Leah Gloskey, nominated by Research Supervisor Abigail Kleinsmith

Be sure to come see Leah at the 15th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference poster session on Friday, April 27th!

Connect with Us!

Do you know a student working on a research or creative project? Nominate them to be featured in an upcoming issue!

What information and events do you want to see from UGR? Let us know your feedback and suggestions!

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