

ANNOUNCING:

**THE 32ND ANNUAL
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION**

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO
May 4-5, 2018**

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 throughout the 23 campuses of the California State University.

WHO MAY APPLY

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at any CSU campus and alumni who received their degrees in spring, summer or fall 2017 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 welcome. There will be separate undergraduate and graduate divisions for each category (unless a division has four or fewer entrants, in which case the divisions may be combined). The Sacramento State steering committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide these categories or move an entrant from one category to another, as necessitated by submission numbers.

The ten categories are:

- 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
- Interdisciplinary

A campus delegation may include up to 10 entries. A small team of students making a single presentation counts as a single entry, however each student participant must fill out the Student Delegate Registration Form.

HOW TO APPLY

Each CSU campus appoints a campus coordinator and develops its own procedures for selecting student delegates to the systemwide competition. Interested students should contact their campus coordinator for more information. Only those students endorsed by the campus coordinator can enter the systemwide competition.

The campus coordinator will submit a list of students who have been selected for the systemwide competition to student.research@csus.edu. Additionally, each student must register via the Student Delegate Registration Form on the [Competition Registration website](#) by **Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.**

A written summary must be provided with each registration. The rules governing the written summary include:

- The summary must include the name(s) of the student(s) and the title of the presentation.
- The narrative may not exceed five *doubled-spaced* pages and must use fonts and margins that ensure legibility.
- Appendices (bibliography, graphs, photographs or other supplementary materials) may not exceed *three* pages.
- Research that involves human or animal subjects must have appropriate institutional review.
- It is expected that a student will not simply read directly from the summary during the oral presentation.

Campus coordinators will be notified in writing by the Sacramento State steering committee of the times of their student delegates' presentations, local hotel and transportation options and program details. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

COMPETITION SITE

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO (est. 1947)

Sacramento State thrives as California's capital university by fostering intellectual curiosity and a passion for innovation. By inspiring students and developing them as leaders, the university prepares its graduates to communicate, collaborate and innovate in the global marketplace.

At the forefront of their education is a prowess in research. Sac State in 2016 established a student research center to expand opportunities for undergraduates and graduates to collaborate with faculty, placing a premium on creativity. The university's more than 30,000 students are provided many avenues into public service and internships as a part of a well-rounded educational experience. *US News & World Report* named Sacramento State the West's fourth-most-diverse university and one of the West's top public universities for 2018. Sac State also plays a vital role in the region's economics, generating an annual financial impact of nearly \$930 million.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Students will present their work orally before a jury and an audience. Students will compete by discipline category and, where feasible, by division (undergraduate/graduate), as described above in "*Who May Apply.*"

Each student will have 10 minutes for an oral presentation of his or her work and five minutes to listen and respond to juror and audience questions. All entrants may use audiovisual materials 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 plus written summary) will be judged on the following:

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

AWARDS

Based on the recommendations of the jurors, cash awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions of each category. If the undergraduate and graduate divisions of a category have been combined, awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up without regard to class standing. In the event that there are five or fewer presenters in a session, only the outstanding presenter will receive an award.

QUESTIONS

More information about the competition can be found at the [Sacramento State website](#). Student questions should be directed to the local campus coordinator. Coordinators may contact Dr. Semarhy Quinones-Soto at e.quinones-soto@csus.edu or (916) 278-6629 or Shannon Rexin at srexin@csus.edu or (916) 278-7874.