

ANNOUNCING

**THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION**

HSU COMPETITION RULES

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The competition is held to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate research, scholarly and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments throughout the twenty-three campuses of the California State University. Each campus may select up to ten entries to send to the final round at CSU Bakersfield on **April 29th and 30th, 2016.**

WHO MAY APPLY

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at HSU as well as alumni/alumnae who received their degrees from HSU in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2015 are eligible. The research presented should be appropriate to the student's discipline and career goals. A small team of students making a single presentation counts as a single entry. Proprietary research is excluded. Presentations from all disciplines are invited. The ten categories are as follows:

- 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

You may access more information at the California State University, Bakersfield website:
<http://www.csub.edu/nsm/CSUStudentResearchCompetition/index.html>.

HOW TO APPLY

HSU has appointed campus coordinators and developed procedures for selecting student delegates to the CSU system-wide competition. The HSU campus coordinators are Rhea Williamson, Dean of the Office of Research, Economic & Community Development, and Susan Brater, Coordinator of the Institutional Review Board.

To be considered at the HSU level, a student will need to submit a written Summary of their presentation. The written Summary must be submitted electronically to the Office of Research by **5:00pm, Friday, February 5, 2016**, to sb64@humboldt.edu. The written Summaries submitted will be reviewed by the Planning Committee on Research Scholarship and Creative Activities and the Dean of Research. The students chosen by the Committee to advance to the system-wide competition will be notified by **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**.

The rules governing the written Summary are as follows:

- The summary must include the name(s) of the student(s) and faculty the student(s) worked with, along with the name of the department, and title of the presentation.
- The narrative may not exceed five *double-spaced* pages. Use fonts and margins that ensure legibility.
- Appendices (bibliography, graphs, photographs, or other supplementary materials) may not exceed *three* pages.
- Research that has human or animal subjects involvement must have appropriate institutional review. The approval letter must be included.

Each written Summary submitted to HSU will be judged on the following:

- Clarity of purpose
- Appropriateness of methodology
- Interpretation of results
- Value of the research or creative activity
- Organization of the material presented

If a student's work is selected by HSU for presentation in the system-wide competition, the campus coordinator will submit the student's name, email address and written Summary to California State University, Bakersfield, by **Friday, March 11, 2016**. Students will then be contacted and directed to a website where they will register for the event. Each student participant must then fill out the Student Delegate Registration Form with demographic and contact information.

Only those students endorsed by the HSU coordinators will have access to the system-wide competition. Sponsored Programs Foundation will pay approved travel costs for each student selected to represent HSU in the statewide competition.

NEXT STEPS IF SELECTED BY HSU FOR STATEWIDE COMPETITION

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Those students selected by HSU will proceed to the system-wide competition at California State University, Bakersfield, and be required to do an oral presentation on **April 29th or 30th, 2016**.

The HSU coordinators will be notified in writing by the California State University, Bakersfield's steering committee of the times of their student delegates' presentations, local hotel and transportation options, and program details.

Students will present their work orally before a jury and an audience. Students will compete by discipline category and, where feasible, by class standing (undergraduate/graduate), as described above in "Who May Apply." There will be separate undergraduate and graduate divisions for each of the categories (unless a division has four or fewer entrants, in which case undergraduate and graduate divisions may be combined).

Each student will have ten 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

It is expected that student presenters will not make oral presentations by simply reading directly from the written summary.

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 because there are fewer than four presenters in one division, awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up without regard to class standing. In the event there are five or fewer presenters in a session, only the outstanding presenter will receive an award.

QUESTIONS

Student questions should be directed to the local campus coordinators. Students may contact Rhea Williamson, Dean of Research, Economic & Community Development, by email (Rhea.Williamson@humboldt.edu), or Susan Brater, Coordinator of the Institutional Review Board, by email (sb64@humboldt.edu) or telephone (707-826-5165).