UWM BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

When and where is the symposium?

The symposium will take place on Friday, April 19th, 2019.

What happens on the day of the symposium?

The annual research symposium is designed to showcase the research of graduate and undergraduate students in the UWM Biological Sciences department. Students present their work in either a poster or a talk format.

After presentations, the Department of Biological Sciences will have its **annual Awards ceremony**. Following the awards ceremony, everyone is invited to listen to the weekly colloquium speaker.

This will be followed by a social get-together in the UWM Student Union's Gasthaus, where all Biological Sciences faculty and staff members, symposium presenters, judges, volunteers and students are invited.

Who can participate?

Any **graduate or undergraduate students** conducting research within the UWM Biological Sciences Department are invited to present their work

Who sponsors the symposium?

UWM's **Graduate Organization of Biological Sciences (GOBS)** in conjunction with the Department of Biological Sciences coordinates the symposium. Funding is obtained through participation fees, UWM student organization grants, and through generous donations by our faculty, staff, and local community.

Participation fee: The participation fee is \$15 and is due at the time of application (Mar 15).

You may pay in cash or make checks payable to: Graduate Organization of Biological Sciences. Refer to the table below for the deadlines

Application deadline		Along with \$15 application fee and abstract title
Abstract submission deadline	March 15 th	Submit via email to mcgeen@uwm.edu
Poster submission deadline	April 10 th	D2L drop boxpdf format

Power Point submission deadline	April 16 th	D2L drop box for slides
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If you have questions or concerns please contact via email or in person-

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Abstract requirements

- 4 12pt font, Times New Roman

- Author name(s); if multiple authors, please put an asterisk (*) next to the presenting author(s)
- Email address of presenting author(s)

All participants will be added to a **D2L site** called **"Biological Sciences Research Symposium 2019"**. An official abstract booklet will be assembled for the day of the symposium.

Instructions for the talk

- TALKS will be limited to 15 minutes. Plan on 12 minutes for your presentation and 2-3 minutes for questions.
- Your audience may include undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty from outside your specific discipline, as well as any students interested in the biological sciences. Please Prepare your introduction accordingly.
- We will do our best to accommodate the time slot preferences made by you at the time of application. No changes or special accommodations can be made once the schedule of events has been decided.

Instructions for the poster

- ❖ Size of 46" X 34"
- 1 inch margin will be added on all sides
- If possible, please avoid bold/bright colored backgrounds.
- ❖ **Jordan Gonnering**, will be printing the posters for the symposium.
- Please submit a .pdf file of your poster to the D2L Dropbox no later than April 10th.

Judging and Awards

Judges will evaluate talks and posters based on the quality of their research (significance, design and conclusions) and the clarity of presentation.

There will be an official poster session and the judges will come around and evaluate your poster and presentation skills.

If you are not at your poster when the judges come, you will not be eligible for an award.

Awards will be granted to graduate and undergraduate students under each subject area for talks as well as poster presentations.

Any student not following symposium guidelines will not be eligible for awards.

Disclaimer

We sincerely hope that all students are able to present their research in a format of their choosing. However, the number of talks is limited by the amount of time available. In the event that there are more participants for talks than can be accommodated, some participants may be asked to switch to a poster presentation to ensure equal distribution among labs, subject areas, and graduate/ undergraduate representation.