Applying to the Forum

Before you begin filling out the online application for the Forum, there is some important information that you should know in advance, including some things that you need to confirm with your mentor.

- Ask your faculty mentor if your abstract may be published online
- Review the submission categories with your MU faculty mentor to determine which one best fits your submission (see page 2)
- If you receive any compensation for your work, confirm with your faculty mentor the source of that funding
- Confirm the appropriate listing for your faculty mentor’s full name and academic department
- Look up, or double-check, the official listing of your academic major and/or minor
- Determine your abstract title (15, or fewer, words)
- If your project is in these categories: Artistic Expression, Applied Design, Humanities, or Social & Behavioral Sciences - identify your preferred presentation format (poster/display or 5-8 minute oral presentation).
  If your project is in Engineering, Life Sciences, or Physical and Mathematical Sciences, your presentation mode will automatically be a poster.
- Confirm availability for presentation sessions (you will rank the 10 sessions as to your availability)
- Decide if your work can be presented as part of the Humanities Symposium
- Identify any co-authors (*See ‘Collaborations’ below)
- Determine the appropriate listing of your poster and abstract authors: presenting student first, faculty advisor last
- Ensure that your abstract or artist statement is ready to upload
  - Maximum of 300 words (not including title and author names)
  - In Word (.doc) or PDF format
  - Using file-naming convention: LastNameFirstInitial_Abstract (Ex: SmithJ_Abstract.doc)

*Collaborations: When you apply, you will be asked to list your co-authors. Your co-authors who also present, must fill out their own Forum application.

For more information about presenting your research, visit the Office of Undergraduate Research’s website. For more information about Show Me Research Week: research.missouri.edu/show-me-research-week
Forum Categories

There are seven (7) categories, when you apply to the Forum, you will select under which category your research/scholarship falls. This should be discussed with your mentor before you apply.

Artistic Expression
Visual art pieces, fashion design, music, theater, and creative writing. Performance-based projects will also be included in this category.

Applied Design
Projects that solve a problem with an original design solution including, but not limited to, design projects for theater, architectural studies, photojournalism, graphic design, and advertising.

Engineering Sciences
Experimental and applied research designed to understand and build effective structures, systems, and processes.

Humanities
Projects using methods appropriate to study modern and ancient languages, literature, history, philosophy, religion, culture, journalism and other humanities disciplines.

Life Sciences
Lab-based, field-based, or theoretical projects answering basic and applied questions in biology, biochemistry, ecology, biomedicine, etc.

Physical and Mathematical Sciences
Experimental and theoretical research in the natural sciences and mathematical sciences, excluding the life sciences.

Social & Behavioral Sciences
Projects using research methods appropriate to human behavior and social systems including, but not limited to, psychology, anthropology, sociology, education, public health, economics, political sciences, communication studies, journalism, and business

Once you have applied, you will receive a confirmation email - CHECK YOUR JUNK FOLDER.

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