Q. What is GSS Research Symposium?

The annual Graduate Research Symposium has grown to be the largest annual research event on campus, consistently hosting more than 300 individual presentations for the past three years! The event itself features presentations (oral and poster) and performances (fine art, fashion, etc.) by graduate students from wide disciplines. Faculty serve as judges for groups of presentations that share similar themes or represent common areas of study. The Symposium is concluded with an awards luncheon which features a keynote address and presentation of awards to exemplary presenters. This year Dr. Paul Anderson from Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women’s Hospital will deliver the Keynote speech.

Q. How can I register for the symposium?
Go to https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/research-symposium and choose the "Registration" link to begin registration.

Q. Who is eligible for the registration?
All Kent State University graduate students (Master's, Doctoral) and Post-Docs are invited to present or perform.

Q. When is the registration deadline?
February 15th at 11:59pm

Q. What are the different ways I can present in the symposium?
-Poster, Oral or performance (Art exhibit, Music and creative writing).

Q. Can I present both poster and in the oral session and or performance?
-Yes, you can. You have to register separately for poster and the oral and or performance.

Q. What is the difference between individual and the panel oral session?
In individual (most common type), you are going to fill the survey for only you but if you select panel, session organizer/chair should register ONCE for all members of your oral performance session. These panels will not be “panel discussions” rather they will be targeted oral
sessions organized around special topics. For a panel, chairs will put together a list of up to three participants, not including the chair. These participants will present oral presentations within a session.

Q. When is the symposium?
The poster presentation and the performance will be on 9th April and the oral presentation will be on the 10th April, 2020.

Q. Where is the symposium going to be?
Kent Student Center.

Q. What is the size of the poster board?
The size of the boards is 4’ x 6’

Q. Who is the keynote speaker and when/where is it?

Key note speaker’s info:

Paul J. Anderson, M.D., Ph.D.
K. Frank Austen Professor of Medicine
Harvard Medical School

Chief Academic Officer and
Senior Vice President of Research and Education
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
75 Francis Street
Boston, MA 02115

Paul J. Anderson, M.D., Ph.D., is the K. Frank Austen Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and currently serves as the senior vice president of research and chief academic officer in Brigham and Women’s Hospital. The title of his speech for the symposium is “Stress granules, tRNA, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis”. The keynote address will be on 10th April starting at 12:30 pm during Award Luncheon in KSC.

Q. Are there free food available during the symposium?

-Yes, we will have mix of the hot/cold hors d’oeuvres for Thursday evening, the Quick Start breakfast for Friday morning, and the Heartland Buffet for the Friday lunch.

Q. Is there drinks available during Gala night?

After the poster session, we will have the performance session (Gala night). We are planning to serve refreshment including alcohol.
Q. Do I have to have data collected and analyzed in order to register for the graduate research symposium or I can register if I plan to have data analyzed prior to the symposium date?

You can register to the symposium with the title and the abstract (which go to the symposium booklet) as long as you will later have your data ready for the presentation.

Q. Is there any poster printing arrangement by GSS? Discounts?

We are working with FedEx for a possible attractive discount for GSS posters but keep in mind that either you or your PI is responsible to any cost associated with the presentation (for example, poster printing).

Q. How are we going to be Judged for any presentation?

The blank rubric is attached.

Q. Will you organize the poster presentations to ensure that related disciplines are spatially close to each other?

This cannot be guaranteed but we will try our best.

Q. Do I have to be there during the award ceremony to be eligible for the award?

This year, the award ceremony and reception will be held during the Awards Luncheon at 12:30p on 10 April 2020, in the KSC Ballroom. **In order to be eligible to receive an award, you must be present during the award ceremony or must inform the Symposium Chair, Srijana Bhandari (sbhanda3@kent.edu) in advance with a reason as to why you are unable to attend.** We completely understand that schedules do not always match, but you must inform Srijana of these conflicts by 7 April 2020 in order to be eligible to receive an award.

Q. I am also presenting at another conference at Kent State University in the same dates as the symposium, which means I might not be able to attend the award ceremony. What should I do? You must inform Srijana (sbhanda3@kent.edu) of these conflicts by 7 April 2020 in order to be eligible to receive an award.

Q. Since I have received the research award from GSS, I have to present at the GSS symposium but I have some other appointments conflicting the date and time. Can I still register for the symposium and just hang my poster while not physically being there?

-Yes, you can do that as long as you can present the proof of conflicting schedule (like other symposium, seminar, or class at the same time)

Q. How long should the oral presentation be?

- 12 minutes talk + 2 minutes Q/A (tentative).

Q. Do you have performance place where we can hang our stuff on the wall?
We cannot have anything hanging from the walls. Depending on the presentation/performance, we can have cork boards or easels that we can use to hang stuffs.

Q. How is the Judging format for any type of presentation?

Example rubric -

*Please circle the rating for the presenter in each category and write the overall score at the bottom of the rubric. Any additional remarks may be put on the back of the rubric and will be used to break any ties.*

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