

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

**CSUF CAMPUS COMPETITION
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010**

**CSU COMPETITION - SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
APRIL 30 AND MAY 1, 2010**

PURPOSE

This competition is held to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate scholarly research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments throughout the twenty-three campuses of the California State University. The annual CSU Student Research Competition takes place in two phases. The first part of the competition will be held locally on Thursday, March 4, 2010; the second phase will take place for selected students at San Jose State University on April 30 and May 1, 2010.

WHO MAY APPLY

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at CSUF, as well as alumni/alumnae who received their degrees in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2009, 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 invited. There will be separate undergraduate and graduate divisions for each of the following categories (unless a division has four or fewer entrants, in which case undergraduate and graduate divisions may be combined). The steering committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide these categories, or to move an entrant from one category to another, as numbers of submissions necessitate. The ten categories are as follows:

- Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Biological and Agricultural Sciences
- Business, Economics, and Public Administration
- Creative Arts and Design
- Education
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Science
- Humanities and Letters
- Physical and Mathematical Sciences
- Interdisciplinary

A campus delegation may include up to ten entries in the ten categories. (A small team of students making a single presentation counts as a single entry.)

HOW TO APPLY

Interested students must submit: 1) a Student Delegate Registration Form (attached); 2) a statement specifying their schedule for Thursday, March 4 (date of campus presentations); and 3) a typed copy of a written summary (see below) to the Graduate Studies Office (MH-103) by 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2010.

The guidelines for the written summary are as follows:

1. The summary must include the name(s) of the student(s) and the title of the presentation
2. The narrative may not exceed five doubled-spaced pages. The font size must be no smaller than 10 point, and the margins must be no less than one-half inch.
3. Appendices (bibliography, graphs, photographs, or other supplementary materials) may not exceed three pages.
4. Research that has human or animal subjects' involvement must have appropriate institutional review.
5. It is expected that the student will not make an oral presentation by simply reading directly from this summary.

COMPETITION SITE

San José State University (SJSU) is conveniently located on 154 acres in downtown San José, midway between San Francisco and the Monterey/Carmel area at the sunny southern end of San Francisco Bay, and is easily accessible from area freeways. SJSU is a metropolitan university offering more than 134 bachelor's and master's degrees with 110 concentrations. Quality teaching and small classes are a priority at SJSU, where tenured professors teach introductory as well as advanced courses. One of the 200 top research universities in the nation, SJSU offers rigorous course work and research opportunities to more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students in seven colleges. In collaboration with nearby industries and communities, SJSU faculty and staff are dedicated to achieving the university's mission as a responsive institution of the State of California. SJSU is in a fabulous location -- in the heart of a dynamic city and in the world marketplace of Silicon Valley. Area firms and agencies regularly seek SJSU students for internships, summer work programs and for assistance with research projects. SJSU sends 6,000 well-prepared graduates into this region every year, more than any other Bay Area school.

For more information about SJSU, please visit <http://www.sjsu.edu>.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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." 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

AWARDS

The local competition will be used to select the campus delegation up to 10 students who will represent CSUF at the CSU Student Research Competition. Each delegate will receive a certificate as well as transportation and lodging to attend the CSU competition.

At the CSU competition, 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 less presenters in a session, only the outstanding presenter will receive an award.

QUESTIONS

Student questions should be emailed to Emma Hernandez (emhernandez@fullerton.edu).

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SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY - April 30th and May 1st, 2010
STUDENT DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM**

Please type all information or fill out and print the version electronically transmitted to your campus, save as either MS-Word or Rich Text, and send electronically with the research summary attached as a pdf file. Each student delegate participating in the presentation must complete an individual registration form.

Personal Information

Name: _____			
Address: _____			
STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
E-Mail Address: _____		Telephone: _____	
		AREA CODE	NUMBER
Home Campus: _____		Faculty Mentor: _____	
Degree objective when research was completed: _____		Degree: _____ Major: _____	
Class standing when research was completed: _____		Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____	
Are any disability accommodations or services needed (yes or no)? _____			

Category of Competition *(please indicate your preferred category and a second choice, if appropriate)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral and Social Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Biological and Agricultural Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Business, Economics, and Public Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Arts and Design <input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering and Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/> Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities and Letters <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Mathematical Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Interdisciplinary
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Program Information

Title:	_____

Synopsis (25 words or fewer)	_____

Audio-Visual Equipment Required

Digital projectors and screens will be available in all rooms. Please specify all audio-visual equipment needed to support your presentation.

Send this form as a MS-Word or Rich Text file and your research summary as a pdf file to your campus coordinator. See the "Procedures and Guidelines" for information about how to prepare this summary paper.