

2024 Undergraduate Symposium on Research & Creative Activity Project Submissions

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The Undergraduate Symposium on Research and Creative Activity (UGS) at Southern Miss is an annual conference showcasing the outstanding work being done by undergraduate students across the campus. All faculty, staff, and students can attend the UGS, and undergraduate students can submit their work to present and compete for cash prizes. The event typically features over 150 student presenters and approximately 300 attendees. **UGS 2024 is scheduled for Saturday, April 20.**

The UGS is an opportunity to share your scholarly work with the Southern Miss Community. You will learn what it is like to present at a professional conference, and you can list your presentation on your resume/CV. Prospective employers and admissions committees for professional and graduate programs highly value applicants who have presented their findings at a professional conference like UGS.

Don't forget: Presenters can win substantial prize money at UGS!

Judging Process:

1. **Abstracts submitted** will be judged by a group of Southern Miss faculty who will choose the projects that will be accepted for presentation at UGS.
2. **Every presentation** at UGS will be scored by a team of faculty judges and winners will be chosen for each category.

A few helpful hints:

You must apply **title capitalization rules** (see Project Title Capitalization Guidelines (/PlatformServicesV2/Commons/getDocument/UGS%20Project%20Title%20Capitalization%20Guidelines.pdf?documentName=6e95dd86-a727-47af-bcf9-a51744f0790e.pdf&applicationId=7) support document) to your abstract title.

If you indicate a **preferred name**, your presentation will be listed in the program under that name.

The **printing of a poster** will cost approximately \$40.

If your poster or oral presentation involves **co-presenters**, complete ONE application on behalf of the team. The person completing the application (listed as applicant) will be the primary contact for the entire team. All communication from the committee about the application and symposium will be sent to the primary contact. The primary contact will be responsible for disseminating any information to the rest of the team.

Personal Details

*Applicant First Name: * indicates required

*Applicant Last Name:

Preferred Name:

Personal Pronouns:

*Student ID:

*Email Address:

*Phone Number:

*Hometown:


*Major: 

Second Major (if applicable): 

*I am affiliated with:: 

*In the following fields, please provide the name and contact information of a USM faculty member who is familiar with and supports this project.:

*Faculty Mentor Email:

*Faculty Mentor Affiliation (School): 

Co-Presenters Information

If your poster or oral presentation will involve undergraduate co-presenters, complete ONE application on behalf of the team. **The person completing the application (listed as applicant) will be the primary contact for the entire team. All communication from the committee about the application and symposium will be sent to the primary contact. The primary contact will be responsible for disseminating any information to the rest of the team. Co-presenters who do not attend the symposium are not eligible for prize money, should the team win a presentation award. The primary contact must attend the awards ceremony for the project to be eligible for a presentation prize.**

Please do not list graduate students or faculty mentors here.

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Proposal Details

*Proposal Title:

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*Proposal Abstract:

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*Will this be a poster or oral presentation?:

Select

*Did research for this project receive any funding, either from within USM (e.g., from the McNair program, an Honors College grant or Discovery scholarship, a DCUR grant) or from an outside entity? If your presentation comes from a larger research project or lab directed by a faculty member or graduate student, you must include relevant funding sources and amounts. If you're not sure, ask them.:

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If there was anyone who played a role in this project who is not a co-presenter, list their name & contribution here. (Did you work in a lab under supervision of a grad student/faculty member? Was your research a piece of a larger project that others are working on? When in doubt, give credit and clarify your own contributions.):

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Is there anything else about this project that we need to know that did not fit in any of the spaces above? (This is not the place to add more to your abstract).:

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Save or Submit Your Application

Click the Save as Draft button if you would like to return later to complete your application (below left). Click the Submit Application button when you are ready to submit your application (below right).

Add Other Email Addresses for Notifications

Use the form below to have other email addresses included on all communications.

Enter recipient(s) email address(es):

Separate email addresses with commas

Acknowledgement ☐ **My presentation represents my own research or creative project or my own contribution to a larger research or creative project.**

I agree that I, along with all co-presenters listed above, will attend the symposium and the awards ceremony if my submission is accepted.

I understand that I must be present at the awards ceremony to be eligible for a presentation prize.

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Capitalization in Titles of UGS Presentations

(adapted from <https://grammar.yourdictionary.com/capitalization/rules-for-capitalization-in-titles.html>)

Always capitalize:

- **First and last word of any title** (*How* to Land Your Dream *Job*)
- **Nouns** (Visiting Beautiful *Ruins*)
- **Proper nouns** (Hiking at the *Grand Canyon*)
- **Pronouns** (As *She* Ran Away)
- **Verbs** - *Walk, Talk, Are, Is, Am* (The Importance of *Learning* Fast)
- **Adjectives** (The *Poky Little* Puppy)
- **Adverbs** (She *Quietly* Waits)
- **Subordinating conjunctions connecting dependent and independent clause** – *As, Because, That*
- **First word following a colon** (Feminine Poetry: *Ten* Women Writers from Around the World)
- **Preposition that is an important part of a phrasal verb** (Turn *Down* the Heat to Save You Money)
- **First element of a hyphenated word; second/subsequent elements** unless they are articles, prepositions, coordinating conjunctions, or following prefixes such as anti- and pre- that cannot stand alone (*Bed-and-Breakfast* Options in Savannah)

Do not capitalize:

- **Articles** – *a, an, the* (To Catch *a* Thief)
- **Prepositions** of fewer than five letters – *on, at, to, from, by, etc.* (One Year *in* Paris)
- **Coordinating conjunctions** of fewer than five letters – *and, but, or, for, nor, etc.* (Magic *and* Daybreak)

One general rule recommended by *The U.S. Government Printing Office Style Manual*:

"Capitalize all words in titles of publications and documents, except a, an, the, at, by, for, in, of, on, to, up, and, as, but, or, and nor."