

GUIDELINES



20TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE



Friday, April 16, 2021

University of Houston-Downtown (UHD)
Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Auditorium and Special Events Center, A300
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Zoom Registration: <https://uhd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrf-yrrD8uEtFwUV2VsqSHhBoh1eHPs-9X>

Purpose: The purpose of the **20th Annual UHD Student Research Conference (SRC)** is to showcase special academic projects undertaken by UHD students and recent UHD graduates. **Qualifying activities** are senior capstone research projects, research projects completed as part of internships, independent or directed study at UHD, GSIF poster presenters who have extended their research, upper-level research-oriented lab courses, senior type or graduate level projects, or any other research on and/or off-campus. The conference is organized and sponsored by the UHD Scholars Academy with funding from The Brown Foundation, Inc., Nuclear Regulatory Commission Minority Serving Institutions Program grant, and UHD. For additional information and programs from prior SRC events, visit <https://www.uhd.edu/scholars>.

Targeted Participants: Any UHD student or team of students or recent UHD graduate who has/have completed a research/creative activity-type project associated with independent or directed study, upper-level research courses, senior-type or graduate level activities, internships, or any other form of research/creative activity on and/or off-campus. The scope of this conference is broad, and we invite participation by students from **all academic areas at UHD – both undergraduate and graduate:**

- **Posters/PowerPoints on research, academic creative activities, capstone projects, conceptual projects**
- **Posters/PowerPoints on corporate/ teaching internships or interdisciplinary applications**
- **Selected student oral presentations with PowerPoint (10 min., with 3-5 min. for questions).**

Recognition of Participation: This conference is non-competitive. Participants will receive a copy of the proceedings, a certificate of participation, a special memento, and an important experience to include in their resumes. Abstracts included in the proceedings may be listed as a publication.

Abstracts: Abstracts must not be more than 200 words. Ideally, the abstract should include the objective(s), problem, overview, and an interesting/enticing summary to catch a reader's interest. Accepted abstracts will be published online in the SRC conference proceedings and may be listed by the student as a publication. Abstracts that are poorly written will not be accepted. The faculty sponsor should agree to review their student's abstract and poster before online submission.

Tentative SRC Program Schedule for April 16, 2021 (Virtual – CampusGroups/Zoom)

9:00 – 9:15 AM	Introductory Remarks - Executive Director, UHD Administration, College of Sciences & Technology Dean
9:15 – 9:25 AM	Introduction of Keynote Speaker #1
9:25 – 9:45 AM	Keynote Speaker Presentation
9:45 - 11:00 AM	Oral Presentations
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	Keynote Speaker #2
11:20 – 11:45 AM	Break
11:45 M – 2:15 PM	Poster Sessions
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Post Conference e-survey


Potential Invitees: UHD community; Greater Houston Area corporate and academic community; undergraduates from other Houston campuses; and teachers/administrators from local high schools.

Property: All posters/other presentation types produced will become the property of UHD, unless other arrangements are made due to scheduled presentations of the poster elsewhere. These posters will be available for the Faculty Sponsors at a future date to be on regular display in the areas of the hosting departments.

Photographs/Publications: Photographs/videos of participant area taken during presentations and throughout the event. These photographs/videos, abstracts, posters and release of information deemed necessary for publications may be used in associated UHD promotional media.

Application Submission Deadlines: All participants (poster and oral) must submit an online application and upload the Entry Form (found within the SRC Conference Guidelines) signed by their Faculty Sponsor and the academic department chairperson as well as an electronic abstract as a MS Word document by one of the following deadlines:

SRC Application Deadlines


SRC Guidelines available	Monday, February 1, 2021
Oral Application deadline* (Oral applications not accepted after this date)	Monday, March 8, 2021
<p>SRC Online Application Submission URL: http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMzhOrUNHHrAjSB</p> 	
*All applications MUST include electronic abstract in MS Word format	

Oral Presenters

If selected as an oral presenter, the student must present both orally **and** present a poster.

Date	Action Items
March 8, 2021*	Complete SRC Application online including signed approval form
March 8-12, 2021	Participate in a mandatory, videotaped audition via Zoom. Auditions will be 5 minutes in length and include a PowerPoint presentation visual. Sign up via GoogleSheets Zoom: https://uhd.zoom.us/j/98884113456 Passcode: 2021SRC
March 15-19, 2021	SRC Committee reviews oral auditions.
March 22, 2021	Oral presenters notified of acceptance by email. If not accepted to present orally, the student is still expected to present a poster. Schedule a mandatory oral presentation consultation.
March 22-26, 2021	Consultations are an hour in length, scheduled with Dr. Jillian Hill in the SA Conference room, N725. If virtual, Zoom: https://uhd.zoom.us/j/98884113456 Passcode: 2021SRC
April 13-15, 2021	Attend mandatory oral presentation dry runs held by appointment with Dr. Hill; all dry runs take place in the Robertson Auditorium/Zoom. If virtual, Zoom: https://uhd.zoom.us/j/98884113456 Passcode: 2021SRC
April 16, 2021	SRC Oral Presentations in Robertson Auditorium; Follow Keynote; Virtual, Zoom registration: https://uhd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrf-yrD8uEtFwUV2VSqSHhBoh1eHPs-9X Passcode: 2021SRC

Poster Presenters

Date	Action Items
February 1, 2021	SRC Guidelines available
March 8, 2021	Final Deadline: Complete SRC Application online including signed approval form. (This is the absolute final date for submission of poster applications only)
March 15-17, 2021	Poster presenters/Faculty Sponsor notified of acceptance via email
Recorded 2020 SRC Workshops	SRC Poster Video Workshop- Dr. Lisa Morano SRC Poster Video Workshop –Dr. Shahnjayla Connors https://www.uhd.edu/academics/sciences/scholars/Pages/scholars-src.aspx
March 24, 2021	<p>Submit poster/other type file in electronic format at: http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eyCZHPu3hwhFTaB</p>  <p>Poster/Other type files Printing/Approval Forms for Faculty Sponsor and Department Chair signatures are available at: https://www.uhd.edu/academics/sciences/scholars/Pages/scholars-src.aspx.</p> <p>If you intend to use a poster/other file used for a different 2020-2021 conference, email the SA Program Coordinator, Mercedes Gonzales, with the information at gonzalesmer@uhd.edu</p> <p>All poster templates available. Presenters have the option of 1-slide and 2-slide format; consult with mentor for best option. SA SRC PowerPoint template file required for use in creating poster file; file found at: https://www.uhd.edu/academics/sciences/scholars/Pages/scholars-src.aspx; Other poster template files not allowed and not printed.</p>
April 5, 2021	Virtual Conference , thus, no poster printing occurs.
April 16, 2021	SRC 2021 Virtual CampusGroups Conference multiple poster sessions. Poster sessions will be 5 minutes per speaker with 5 posters per session. Poster sessions will be concurrent.
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Acknowledgment of Assistance, Sponsorship, and Resources: Research mentors of these projects (or those acting as on-campus surrogates) will mentor participants during the preparation of their posters and also presentations if selected as an oral presenter. Participants must list/recognize all acknowledgements on their poster; this includes any assistance of individuals and/or organizations/ agencies that worked on the research or sponsored the project. Proper citations (software, images, resources, etc.) as well as proper acknowledgment of co-authorships and funding support should also **be included on the poster**.

Entry Forms follow:

Individual Entry Form
Team Entry Form
SRC Sample Abstracts