



## RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2018 GUIDELINES

### About the Event

Research Day at the Capitol was established over 20 years ago to showcase the outstanding undergraduate research being conducted at Oklahoma's colleges and universities in the areas of science (including social science), technology, engineering, and mathematics. The prestigious event is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (OK EPSCoR), and the National Science Foundation.

### Timeline & Activities

Wednesday, November 1, 2017	Deadline for nominations (Submit online at <a href="http://www.okepscor.org/2018-research-day-capitol-official-nomination-form">http://www.okepscor.org/2018-research-day-capitol-official-nomination-form</a> ; abstract and financial responsibility form must be submitted with nomination)
Saturday, November 11, 2017	Student informational training session 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Hyatt Place Hotel, Oklahoma City <b>Student Participation Mandatory</b>
November 12, 2017 – March 25, 2018	Students prepare scientific posters, oral presentations and poster display units
Monday, February 5, 2018	Students' revised abstracts and lodging requests are due
Monday, March 12, 2018	Online registration closes (all attendees)
Monday, March 26, 2018	Judging of students' oral presentations and posters Noon – 5:00 p.m., Hyatt Place Hotel, Oklahoma City ( <i>Individually scheduled times; students only</i> ) <b>Student Participation Mandatory</b>
Tuesday, March 27, 2018	Students arrive and set up posters 8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., State Capitol, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Rotunda  Posters on exhibit, students meet with Legislators & public 8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., State Capitol, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Rotunda ( <i>All registered guests are invited</i> ) <b>Student Participation Mandatory</b>  Awards Ceremony 11:30 a.m. – noon, State Capitol, Blue Room ( <i>All registered guests are invited</i> ) <b>Student Participation Mandatory</b>

## **Nominations**

All Oklahoma colleges and universities are invited to nominate one outstanding research project conducted by an undergraduate student who is currently enrolled at their institution. Institutions eligible to nominate more than one research project are: OU-Norman may nominate two; OU Health Sciences Center may nominate two; Oklahoma State University may nominate four; and University of Tulsa may nominate two. Nominations are distributed in this manner because some campuses have multiple colleges conducting research. (Please note: Only one student may be nominated per research project.)

### Student Nomination Restrictions:

1. The student must be enrolled as an undergraduate at the nominating Oklahoma institution of higher learning for the entirety of the 2017-18 academic year.
2. The student's research must have originated from an OKLAHOMA institution of higher learning. Research performed at or through institutions outside of Oklahoma may not be presented.
3. The student must be a legal resident of Oklahoma.
4. The student must attend each session indicated below. Waivers will not be granted; make-up dates will not be scheduled.
  - Informational training session: Saturday, November 11, 2017, 9:30 a.m. – noon, Hyatt Place Hotel, 1511 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City
  - Judging session: Monday, March 26, 2018, noon – 5:00 (time as assigned), Hyatt Place Hotel, 1511 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City
  - Capitol poster presentation & awards ceremony: Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – noon, State Capitol, Oklahoma City

The informational training session is designed to inform students of the event's guidelines and to provide recommendations for success. After completion of the training session, the nominated student will receive (by mail) a \$250 stipend to offset any expenses they may incur as a participant in this event. Participation in all mandatory activities is required to retain the stipend.

### **Online Nomination Submission (Deadline November 1, 2017)**

Each institution's nomination package must be submitted online at: <http://www.okepscor.org/2018-research-day-capitol-official-nomination-form>. Accuracy of the information provided on the nomination documents, especially the students' permanent home addresses and local school addresses, are essential. This information will be used to identify the students' state legislators.

**Nomination packages must include the following uploaded documents at the time of submission:**  
**1) Research Project Abstract and 2) Financial Responsibility Form**

### **Poster Competition and Awards**

Students' posters and oral presentations will be individually judged from noon – 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2018, at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Oklahoma City. Poster competition winners will be announced during an awards ceremony in the State Capitol's Blue Room at 11:30 a.m. on March 27.

The top student researchers will be awarded the following:

- Grand Prize: \$500 award plus \$4,000 summer research internship; \$2,500 award to the sponsoring Oklahoma college/university lab to offset expenses of hosting the internship
- First (\$500), second (\$250), and third (\$250) place prizes will be awarded in each of these categories: (1) Research Intensive Institutions and (2) Regional, Community and Tribal Colleges

### **For More Information**

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