25TH ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL

2020 GUIDELINES

About the Event

Research Day at the Capitol was established 25 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

Friday, November 1, 2019

Deadline for nominations, 8 a.m.
(Submit online at http://www.okepscor.org/official-nomination-form-2020-research-day-capitol; abstract, abstract form, and financial responsibility form must accompany nomination.)

Monday, December 2, 2019

Student informational training session, 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Virtual Meeting, Student participation mandatory

December 2, 2019 – March 30, 2020

Students prepare scientific posters, oral presentations & poster display units

Monday, February 3, 2020

Revised abstract deadline, 8 a.m.

Monday, March 9, 2020

Online registration closes (all attendees), 8 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Students visit Legislators' offices, 8 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
State Capitol of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
(Appointments with students' "home district" Legislators will be scheduled by program coordinators. A University designee and/or family member(s) are encouraged to participate.)

Poster & oral presentation judging, 12:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Science Museum Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
(Individually scheduled times; students only.)

Poster reception, 5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Science Museum Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
(Student presenters will view posters from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.)
(All registered guests are invited to the public reception)

Awards ceremony, 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Science Museum Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
(All registered guests are invited.)

Nomination Guidelines

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. OSU, OU, and TU are allowed additional nominations due to multiple campuses conducting research. (Important: There may only be one student nominated per research project!)

Nomination allocations for the 2020 event are as follows:

- ➤ Oklahoma State University – 4
- ➤ Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences – 1
- ➤ University of Oklahoma-Norman – 4
- ➤ University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center – 1
- ➤ The University of Tulsa – 2
- ➤ All other institutions in the state - 1 each

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 2019-20 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: Dec. 2, 2019, 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m., Virtual Meeting
   - Students visit Legislators by appointment: March 31, 2020, 8 am. – 11:45 a.m., State Capitol
   - Oral and poster competition: March 31, 2020, 12:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., Science Museum Oklahoma
   - Poster Reception, March 31, 2020: students only 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.; all registered guests 5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Science Museum Oklahoma
   - Awards Ceremony: March 31, 2020, 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Science Museum Oklahoma

The informational training session is designed to inform students of the event's guidelines and to provide recommendations for success. This meeting has traditionally been held on-site in Oklahoma City. In respect of the environment, budget, and participants' time, we will come together virtually this year. Students must have access to a full-size tablet or computer with audio and internet access to participate - cell phones are not acceptable. 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.

Poster Competition and Awards

Students' posters and oral presentations will be individually judged from 12:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. on March 31, 2020, at Science Museum Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. Poster competition winners will be announced during an awards ceremony at the museum that evening.

The top student researchers will be awarded the following:
- Over-all 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 Place ($500), Second Place ($250), and Third Place ($250) prizes will be awarded in each of these categories:
  1. Research Intensive Institutions and
  2. Regional, Community, and Tribal Colleges

Nomination Submission Instructions

Nomination Deadline: November 1, 2019, 8 a.m.
Submit at: http://www.okepscor.org/official-nomination-form-2020-research-day-capitol

The following documents must be included with the institution's nomination package and uploaded at the time of submission. *(All documents must be submitted accurately and completely):*
1. Abstract Form
2. Financial Responsibility Form
3. Student's Research Project Abstract (developed per Abstract Form guidelines)

Each institution's nomination package must be submitted online at: http://www.okepscor.org/official-nomination-form-2020-research-day-capitol. 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.

Files for Download

> **Abstract Form**
> **Financial Responsibility Form**

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