



RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL

2021 GUIDELINES

About the Event

Research Day at the Capitol was established 26 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

November 2, 2020

Deadline for nominations

Submit online at <http://www.okepscor.org/official-nomination-form-2021-research-day-capitol>; abstract, abstract form, and financial responsibility form must accompany nomination.

December 1, 2020, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Student informational training session

Zoom meeting. Student participation mandatory.

December 2, 2020 – March 28, 2021

Students prepare scientific posters, oral presentations & poster display units

February 1, 2021

Revised abstract deadline

March 8, 2021

Online registration closes (all attendees)

March 30, 2021

Research Day at the Capitol activities:

- **Students meet with Legislators**
- **Poster & oral presentation judging**
- **Poster exhibit & reception**
- **Awards ceremony**

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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 2021 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 2020-21 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 all sessions indicated below. Waivers will not be granted; make-up dates will not be scheduled.
 - Informational training session: Dec. 1, 2020, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Zoom video conference.
 - Meetings with Legislators, oral and poster competition, poster reception, awards ceremony: March 30, 2021 (Logistics for these activities will be provided closer to the event date after consideration of public health as it relates to COVID-19 and Research Day.)

The informational training session, held via Zoom teleconference, is designed to inform students of the event's guidelines and to provide recommendations for success. Students must have access to a full-size tablet/computer with audio and internet access; 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 during this event. Participation in all mandatory activities is required to retain the stipend.

Poster Competition and Awards

Tentative schedule: students' posters and oral presentations will be individually judged from noon – 5 p.m. on March 30, 2021, at Science Museum Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. Poster competition winners will be announced during an awards ceremony at the museum that evening. **Note: Should any public health concerns arise, event organizers will modify the aforementioned activities in order to implement the program safely.**

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 OK college/university lab to offset internship hosting expenses.
- 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

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Nomination Instructions – Submission Deadline: Nov. 2, 2020

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 [to the Official Site.](#))*

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-2021-research-day-capitol>. Accuracy of the information provided on the nomination documents, especially the student's address essential. This information will be used to identify the students' state legislators. The submission deadline is Monday, Nov. 2, 2020.

Files for Download

- [Abstract Form](#)
- [Financial Responsibility Form](#)

For More Information

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