



March 19, 2024

RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL

2024 GUIDELINES

About the Event

Research Day at the Capitol was established 29 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

December 4, 2023

Deadline for nominations

Online submission per provided guidelines

January 8, 2024

Student informational training session

Online meeting; Student participation mandatory

February 1, 2024

Revised abstract deadline

February 26, 2024

Online registration closes (all attendees)

March 4, 2024

Poster PDFs due

Note: Printed posters are also required for the event

March 18, 2024

Poster and oral presentation judging

Students only; Location TBD, Oklahoma City, OK

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Research Day at the Capitol

State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, OK

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Research Day at the Capitol Awards Ceremony

State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, OK

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; the student must remain enrolled as an undergraduate at the nominating institution for the entirety of the Fall 2023-Spring 2024 semesters. OSU, OU, and TU are allowed additional nominations due to multiple campuses conducting research. (Important: Only one student may be nominated per research project!)

Nomination allocations for the 2024 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 2023-2024 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: Presented via video; view in entirety by January 8, 2024, 11:59 p.m.
 - Judging session: March 18, 2024, noon – 5 p.m., OKC, OK (individually scheduled times)
 - All scheduled Capitol activities, including poster exhibit and awards ceremony: March 19, 2024, 7:30 a.m. –noon

The informational training session is designed to inform students of the event's guidelines and to provide recommendations for success. In respect of participants' varying degrees of Wi-Fi connectivity, as well as students' classroom schedules, the session will be made available as a pre-recorded video meeting. Students must have access to a full-size tablet or computer with audio and internet access to view the video. Cell phones are not acceptable, as the slides include important content that cannot be read on a phone. Nominated students who view the video in its entirety by the deadline will receive a \$250 stipend (by mail). The stipend is intended 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 noon – 5 p.m. on March 18, 2024, at a location TBD in Oklahoma City; only students may participate in the session. Poster competition winners will be announced during an awards ceremony at the Capitol the following day.

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

Nomination Instructions – Submission Deadline: Dec. 4, 2023

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. Student's Research Project Abstract (developed per Abstract Form guidelines)
3. [Financial Responsibility Form](#)

Nomination packages must be submitted online at: <http://www.okepscor.org/official-nomination-form-2024-research-day-capitol>. Accuracy of the information provided, especially the students' permanent home and school addresses, is essential, as the information will be used to identify students' state legislators.

The submission deadline is December 4, 2023.

Files for Download

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

For More Information

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