Undergraduate Research Forum
Criteria and Expectations for Judges

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Time: Judges Check-In: 10:30am-11:00am
Poster judging: 11:00am – 3:00pm
Post-Forum Happy Hour Reception: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Texas Union, Shirley Bird Perry Ballroom (3.202)

Areas of Research (approximately 200 total posters):
- Astronomy & Astrophysics
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computational Biology, Biochemistry, & Chemistry
- Computer Science & Computer Engineering
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Psychology, Social Sciences, Human Development & Family Sciences
- Public Health, Nutrition, or Biomedical Sciences
- Textiles & Apparel

1. How can I be a judge for URF? We are looking for individuals with a genuine interest in engaging in conversation with undergraduate students about their research. Specifically, we need people with a variety of backgrounds and interests. And while a background in science is preferred, it is not a requirement. RSVP here to judge!

2. Who is an ideal candidate to judge the URF? Anyone with a genuine interest in engaging in conversation with students about their research is welcome to support the event. We need judges with a variety of backgrounds, as students will present from a range of disciplines.

3. Why are judges needed? Judges help students practice their science communication skills and share genuine interest in student research. The judges’ rubrics also assist in distributing research awards for excellent presentations – these will be distributed after the event.

4. When should I arrive? A quick welcome and check-in will begin at 10:30am and the judging sessions will begin at 11am. We would encourage you to come before 11:00am to meet your fellow judges and individuals interested in supporting undergraduate research, but this is not mandatory.

5. Where should I park? The San Antonio Garage at 2420 San Antonio Street. We will provide paid parking passes when you check-in at the Forum.

6. How long will I be needed as a judge? We ask our judges for a minimum commitment of one hour in order to review at least three (3) posters.

7. Will lunch be provided? Yes. We will provide a “come and go” lunch from 12pm – 1:30pm. There will also be a post-Forum Happy Hour from 3-5pm at Pizzeria Vetri (2421 San Antonio Street behind Space 24 on the Drag).

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