

Symposium Information and Submission Guidelines

The Undergraduate Research Symposium is a forum where Liberty University undergraduate students can share the findings of their research papers and projects and receive valuable feedback from the academic community. The audience will consist of students, faculty, and the general public. Content may be presented in one of the following formats.

#1 – Posters

A central feature of the symposium will be a poster session. Students will display posters featuring their research projects and will remain near their posters during the session to discuss their findings with attendees. Click [here](#) for an example of a template poster layout.

Students may choose to create one of two types of posters:

- 1) **Print posters** will be displayed in the library's Lower Atrium. Students may create [tri-fold](#) posters that will stand by themselves on tables. Another option is to create [flat posters](#) (3'x4' or 2'x3'). Students who create flat posters will need to bring some kind of support apparatus (like an [easel](#)) to prop it up.
- 2) **Digital posters** will be displayed on screens in the library's Active Learning Classroom. There are only seven screens available, so the first seven submissions requesting a digital poster position will receive those spots. Click [here](#) for an example. Digital poster presenters will be required to have a laptop.

The following items should be arrayed on your poster:

- Title
- Project summary, including:
 - An explanation of why the project or investigation was undertaken
 - An explanation of what was found or learned
- Photographs, drawings, charts, and other visual representations of your research findings

Avoid having too much text. Use simple, large fonts. You can supplement text with your own words and with a handout (optional) when people come to your poster to ask you questions.

To submit a proposal for a poster session, please see the instructions below under **Submit a Proposal**.

#2 – Presentations

Individual and group presentations will be given in the Terrace Conference Room of the Jerry Falwell Library. Students will have 10 minutes to present their research and 5 minutes to receive

questions from the audience. Presentations should be supported by a PowerPoint or Prezi displaying visual materials and a limited amount of text. Click [here](#) for an example of a Prezi.

Submit a Proposal

The following items will be required for successful submission:

- Title
- Proposal (up to 250 words)
- The names and email addresses of other authors (if proposing a group presentation)
- The name and email address of a faculty mentor (typically the professor who taught the class in which your research was conducted). That professor will receive a brief email requesting approval of the research. His or her acceptance will land you a spot in the symposium. Please make sure you secure your faculty mentor's approval in advance.

Each student is allowed to submit a maximum of one Poster Proposal and one Presentation Proposal if the projects are significantly different. If you wish to participate in both the Poster and Presentation portions of the Symposium, make sure you complete proposal forms for both.

[Submit Proposal](#)

DEADLINE FOR ALL PROPOSALS: **March 28, 2015**

DATE OF THE SYMPOSIUM: **April 11, 2015**

Journal Publication

If you are interested in publishing in the *Montview Liberty University Journal of Undergraduate Research* based on the content you present at the Symposium, please visit the [journal website](#). Deadline for article submissions will be **April 25, 2015**.