

2021 Student Research and Scholarship Day (SRSD)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Where can I sign up?

A: Please visit <http://researchday.uscb.edu>. Choose one of the following options:

- 1- If you are a **Student Presenter**, click on the button "If you are a STUDENT PRESENTER and you need to register or submit your abstract, please click here!"
- 2- If you are a **Faculty Mentor**, click on the button "If you are a FACULTY MENTOR and you need to register or view/update your students' abstracts, please click here!"

Q: How do I choose a mentor?

A: The Mentor might choose you, or you may reach out to a full-time professor or adjunct at USCB that works/teaches in your topic area of interest. You might have started researching this topic as a class project, or you may already be participating in undergraduate research with this professor.

Q: What does a mentor do?

A: While that depends on the student and the topic, the Mentor should serve as an editor and advisor to help you develop your project to its fullest potential. The Mentor can help you focus the overall project into one of the specific categories of research and scholarship presented at SRSD.

Q: What are the categories?

A: The categories occasionally change from year to year. This year's categories are:

- **Poster Presentations**
 - Hypothesis-Driven — basic and applied research, testing a hypothesis using inferential statistics
 - Issue-Based — Issue-based research is non-hypothesis based applied research, examining a socio-cultural, educational, political, health-related, economic, or technological issue
 - Descriptive — Descriptive research is non-hypothesis based research guided by a question or set of questions
 - Inquiry — An inquiry-based project, exploring a question (which may be in the form of a thesis statement) about a topic, using research methodologies appropriate for its discipline (for example, educational, historical, rhetorical, political, socio-cultural, or literary critical analysis).
 - Innovation/Application — Non-hypothesis driven project to develop a novel technique, algorithm, or procedural method for pedagogy, information processing, engineering, problem-solving, or domain-specific best practices
 - Visual Arts – Presentations of creative/artistic renderings
- There is also a category for **Oral Presentations of Student Scholarship in the Humanities**.
- **New for 2021:**
 - There is also a *secondary* designation that can be applied to any presentation category, if applicable: **Social Justice** – projects (submitted for consideration in all the other categories) that pose and address questions of diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or social justice are eligible for consideration and recognition for the first-annual USCB SRSD social justice award.

Q: What is the format of the presentations?

A: Other than the oral presentations, all presentations are currently poster-based. We encourage all students to create a sized poster at 4 feet (48 in.) wide by 3 feet (36 in.) tall. There are several poster templates (one for each poster category) on the website to help you with this. (See next page for more information.). Because of COVID19 restrictions on in-person presentations, all posters must be done in electronic format using Microsoft

PowerPoint or other applications suggested by your Faculty Mentor, as long as the posters are sized at 48" by 36".

Q: How do I make a poster for SRSD?

A: Please start by using one of the templates from the SRSD website (<https://researchday.uscb.edu/>). These are PowerPoint files that have been formatted as one big "slide" sized at 4 feet (48 in.) wide x 3 feet (36 in.) tall. You can lay out electronic graphics (e.g., pictures, graphs, etc.) with appropriate text. In the event that your poster is eventually printed for a future conference, try to pick a font that is visible from 3 feet away from a poster; we recommend nothing smaller than a 24-point font. Once you have completed the design of your poster using PowerPoint (or other software as approved by your Faculty Mentor), please save it in PDF file format. **Please submit only the PDF file.**

Q: What all do I need to prepare for SRSD?

A: Abstracts can be submitted until Wednesday, April 9th, 2021. Poster and manuscript submission will be open starting on Monday, April 5th, 2021, and continuing until 11:59 pm on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021.

Given the changes in SRSD for 2021, please make sure that you and your Mentor carefully review the following submission requirements:

- **For posters:** You will still prepare your poster in the usual format (48" wide by 36" tall) using a PowerPoint template as in past years (see the previous question). This will enable students to print out their full-size posters for future conferences if this is something that the students or their mentors have planned. **Unless your mentor has suggested a different software application for poster preparation, your poster should be prepared using Microsoft PowerPoint (PPTX) format and then converted to a PDF file for submission.**
- **For oral presentations:** You should plan to submit their manuscript as a **PDF file** using the same upload mechanism used for poster submission.
- **For ALL presenters:** In addition to participating in a live, "virtual poster session" (*access instructions to be sent to students via email*), students will create a **2-minute video** introducing their research and highlighting key findings. For students doing oral presentations, you should create a similar video that introduces your manuscript. If you need help deciding what to include in your video introduction, please contact your Mentor.
 - This video will enable others who "virtually attend" the event to participate in an "asynchronous Q&A session" via the YouTube comment section
 - Students will upload their recorded introduction to **YouTube** as an unlisted video.
 - Students will provide the link to their YouTube video when they submit their poster or manuscript, and this link will be included on the SRSD mobile web app along with the student's abstract (along with a link to view/download the poster or manuscript).
 - **Instructions for creating & uploading the video are provided at the end of this document (*see next page*)**
- Given the time and effort required by the SRSD committee to prepare the posters, manuscript, and video links for inclusion on the website, we kindly ask that you work closely with your Mentor to ensure that posters and manuscripts are submitted on time, they meet the given specifications, and that they are of sufficiently high quality.
- **Additional instructions and guidelines for mentors:**
 - Please have your students submit their posters, manuscripts, and video links only after you have approved them!
 - Mentors should be aware that uploaded posters will, by default, **be visible online to the general public**. If a mentor prefers that a student's poster not be publicly visible, then please indicate this when the student submits his or her poster and video link (both of these are still required to be considered as a full participant in SRSD 2021, even if the poster itself is not

linked from the student's abstract). The student will still receive a certificate of participation, and their video link will still be published on the SRSD website, but their poster will not be publicly visible.

Q: What do I get for participating?

A: Awards for the best posters and oral presentations will be given out for this year's virtual SRSD event. All students who presented their work will receive a certificate of participation. Remember that a Conference Presentation on your research will always add value to your resume when applying for a job. Take advantage of your accomplishments as a "junior researcher" and add them to your resume.

Q: How do I prepare and upload my 2-minute YouTube video?

A: To be able to submit your YouTube video, you must first create a YouTube account. YouTube is a division of Google. Therefore, you access YouTube through Google.com.

I. To create a YouTube account, use the following instructions:

- 1) Sign into any browser, and go to <http://accounts.google.com>
- 2) Click on "Create a YouTube account"
- 3) A "Get started with your account" window will open in your browser. Follow the on-screen instructions to successfully create a new YouTube/Gmail account.
- 4) When finished, set your video as "unlisted." This will keep the video from being searchable or viewed by the general public.

It may also help for you to watch the following video in the link for creating a Google account
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwwLKHQXvL4>

II. To set your YouTube video as "unlisted," use the following instructions:

- 1) Go to <http://www.youtube.com> and enter your YouTube username and password.
- 2) Click on your account name located in the top right of any page.
- 3) Click on the video manager from the expanded menu.
- 4) Choose the video you want to edit and click the edit button below the video thumbnail.
- 5) Scroll down to the broadcasting and sharing options and navigate to the privacy section. Look for the option to make a video public.
- 6) Click save changes at the bottom of the page.

III. Uploading videos to your YouTube account:

The following is a link for instructions on uploading videos to your YouTube account:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en-GB>

Please note that the instructions provide for a variety of devices for uploading your video: computer, Android, and Apple (IOS) phones. Be sure to click on the device you are using.