

## SRC FAQs

### REGISTRATION FAQs

**What if I am not finished with my research?** Research is never truly complete, right? So, no one expects your research to be final and without lingering questions. That said, many students choose to present information about methodology, research questions and processes, or simply what they have THUS FAR. No matter what stage your research is at, you can present what you have and be successful doing so.

**What is the difference between a co-presenter and a collaborator?** A co-presenter will physically be there with you the day of the conference. That is why when you fill out the registration form, you will have to provide specifics about your co-presenter(s). Collaborators are people on the project that you credit in your public presentation (commonly other researchers on a project, or faculty who would eventually be a co-author).

**Who can present at the Student Research Conference?** Any current UVM students at any level and from any discipline are encouraged to present at the SRC. Students in 200-level courses are allowed to submit their research projects to the SRC with the instructor's permission.

### What is the difference between the presentation formats?

- Oral or Paper Presentations are 10 minute oral presentations given in a group of 3-4 presentations per hour. The SRC coordinator makes an effort to create cohesion between presentations for sessions that are not curated by faculty and staff. The presentations are advertised under a heading such as "Interdisciplinary Approaches to Health Care" or "Neuroscience" or "Global Histories of Immigration". After all presentations are delivered, there are 20 minutes for moderated Q&A with all the presenters.
- Poster Presentations are done in 4 sessions throughout the day. A student is assigned to one session and is expected to have a 24"x36" poster on a provided board and easel in the section of their "research category". Each session is 1.5 hours in which a student is expected to stand with their poster and answer questions as those in attendance wandering the space, viewing different posters.
- Creative Presentations are up to the presenter to envision. A presenter is allotted a space, a table, and any technology resources (within reason) the student requests. Examples of Creative Presentations: Virtual Reality Sandbox, Photography series, Set Design for a play, etc. If you are interested in this but unsure if it is the right format for you, please contact the coordinator directly. If you are unsure if a creative presentation is right for you, please schedule a consultation with the SRC Coordinator.
- Alternate / Invited Presentations: faculty may propose panel sessions that fit a topic of their particular interest and may request a unique format to those listed above. In these situations, students may be invited by the faculty based on the student's abstract or affiliation with the faculty. The SRC Coordinator will work with faculty and students around any unique session format needs.

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**What happens after I register?** Once you have submitted your registration, you have committed to present. No one is rejected and there is no acceptance sent beyond the confirmation email from ScholarWorks. If you do not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder and then contact the coordinator should there be none. There are a series of workshops and opportunities for professional development around the conference, which you will find on the SRC website. On that site, you will also find information about deadlines for changes, schedule postings, etc.

### What is an abstract and how do I write one?

An “abstract” — a brief summary (no more than 200 words) of your project — is required for registration. You are expected to submit your abstract to your research mentor for review. Based on your mentor’s feedback, revise your abstract if necessary. You can find on-line resources here: <https://www.uvm.edu/four/registration-information>.

### PREPPING YOUR PRESENTATION FAQs

**What resources are available to me for my presentation?** There is a standard classroom set up in the front of each oral presentation room. Poster sessions have poster boards and easels. Creative sessions have no standard equipment, but you may request tables, monitors, mannequins, projectors, laptops, headphones, white boards, poster boards, and/or easels. If you need equipment, the coordinator will work with you to help make your presentation design happen.

**Can I use a PowerPoint?** Yes, all UVM Media Centers are compatible. If you are using an on-line presentation program (eg. Prezi), you will want to make sure that you sign in to your file prior to the beginning of the session within which you present.

**Can I and where do I upload my presentation in advance?** Presentations can be file transferred to [uvmsrc@uvm.edu](mailto:uvmsrc@uvm.edu) by noon on Monday (4/13/20) before the conference. Presentations will then be downloaded onto the computer in your presentation room prior to your presentation, but as with ANY conference at which you present, ALWAYS BRING A BACKUP copy of your file in case of technical difficulties. Double check at the beginning of your session to make sure your file is on the computer’s desktop in the room.

**Is there a clicker or pointer in the room?** Yes, all Oral Presentation rooms have a laser pointer and clicker.

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**May I use audio in my presentation?** Yes. We suggest that you email the coordinator to arrange to test the sound in the morning prior to the start of the event.

**Who will attend my oral presentation?** We encourage you to invite your own audience. Some audience members may be there, but typically rooms are populated by the presenters' friends, families, and faculty mentors.

**I tried to change my presentation format at the last minute and am on the "wait list" for a presentation, what now?** Typically drop outs happen within two weeks of the event. However, we do not make any changes within one week of the conference. If you are not contacted by then, please prepare to give your original presentation format.

**Why aren't the other presentations in my room related to my topic?** Presentations are grouped based on research category and time slot. Sometimes presentations cannot be grouped thematically due to these scheduling complications.

#### How do I make a poster?

- Preferred size: 24" x 36" (however, alternate sizes are acceptable);
- Include the UVM tower logo (see "logo assets");
- If your research was funded, include the appropriate logo and reference in the Acknowledgments;
- Save your final version in PDF or PowerPoint File (PPT) format (this is generally necessary for printing);
- Colors and designs may not be the same in print as on a computer monitor, so use care when choosing unusual colors and designs.
- For more Tips and Tricks refer to [uvm.edu/four/tips-tricks-poster-presentations-0](http://uvm.edu/four/tips-tricks-poster-presentations-0)

**How many people will stop by my poster?** There is no predicting the number of people that will stop by your poster. The more engaging and legible your poster is from afar, the more people will stop and chat.

**How can I prep for questions?** Everyone should have an elevator pitch/stump speech/brief synopsis of their research ready to go. That is the first step to success. Practicing that 1-3 minute introduction of your research for a friend and your mentor is the perfect way to hear what kinds of questions a viewer might have. Your audience will range from high school students to PhD's in your field.