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 being said, many students choose to present information about methodology, research questions and processes, or simply what they have completed in their research thus far. No matter what stage you are at with your research, 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 is someone who presents along side you (either physically or has created a virtual presentation with you. When filling out the registration form, you will be asked to provide specifics about your co-presenter(s). Collaborators are people who you credit in your public presentation (commonly additional researchers on a project or faculty who would eventually be a co-author).

Who can present at the SRC?

Any current UVM students at any level, from any discipline are encouraged to present. 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?

Virtual Oral or Paper Presentations are ~10 min verbal presentations that are typically accompanied by several presentation slides. These presentations will be organized by discipline or invited/special sessions. Participants will submit their pre-recorded oral presentation and receive questions and comments via VoiceThead (the virtual platform for the 2022 SRC).

Virtual Poster Presentations are organized on a single 24"x36" slide and are accompanied by a brief, oral description of your research. Participants will submit their poster and recorded oral description/research pitch and receive questions and comments via VoiceThead (the virtual platform for the 2022 SRC).

In-person lightning talks are ~5 min research pitches accompanied by a couple minutes of Q&A from a live audience. Presenters focus on 1-2 key topics and prepare no more than 2 slides. In-person lightning talks are optional for the 2022 SRC.

Special & Invited Sessions: Faculty may propose sessions that encompass a specific topic or interest and may request oral or poster presentations only, or a combination of both. Students are invited to participate by faculty based on the student's abstract or affiliation with the faculty. The SRC Coordinator will work with faculty and students in organizing these sessions.

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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. If there is not a confirmation, please contact the SRC Coordinator. You can find information regarding deadlines for registration changes and other announcements on the SRC website as well.

What is an abstract and how do I write now?

An "abstract" is required for registration and consists of a brief summary (no more than 100 words) of your project. 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 additional resources by visiting this link https://www.uvm.edu/four/registration-information.

Who will view my oral or poster presentation, or in-person lightning talk?

All presentations uploaded to VoiceThread are accessible to the public. We encourage you to invite your own audience to view, ask questions, and leave comments on your uploaded presentation. In-person lightning talks are also open to the public and will be live-streamed for virtual audience members.

I tried to change my presentation format at the last minute and am on the "wait list" for a presentation. Now what?

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 upload your original presentation format.

How do I make a poster?

Preferred size: 24"x36" (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 the final version in a PDF or PowerPoint file (PPT) format. For more tips, see "Virtual Poster Presentation Info" PDF on ScholarWorks.

How can I prepare for questions?

Everyone should have an elevator pitch/brief synopsis of their research ready to go. Practicing this 1-3 min intro of your research with a friend/mentor is the perfect way to gauge what types of questions a viewer might have. Your audience may range from high school students to PhD's in your field.

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