



2019 UM Student Symposium: *Research & Creative Activity*

Call for Abstracts

The 2019 annual University of Maine Student Symposium (#UMSS19) is held every spring and is open to ALL disciplines. This event involves student presentations in the form of posters, exhibits, or oral presentations to be judged by UMaine faculty, staff and community members. The Graduate Student Government (GSG) and the Center for Undergraduate Research (CUGR) invite the submission of graduate and undergraduate research and creative activities projects. Submissions must be in the form of an abstract describing the focus, method or process, and outcomes of the project and submitted electronically at the provided link. Submissions must be authored by one or more students currently enrolled at the University of Maine (Orono) or University of Maine at Machias.

NOTE: All CUGR, MSGC, and CLAS Fellowship Award recipients are required to present at this event and must submit an abstract. For more information go to UMSS19.UMAINE.EDU

All submissions should be reviewed and pre-approved by the faculty mentor associated with the project. Any submissions without faculty mentor approval will not be accepted.

Dryfta Submission Process

To submit an abstract, you must:

1. [Register for UMSS19](#) and create an account.
2. Once you have created your account you must log in to your dashboard to [submit your abstract](#).

UMSS19

When: April 10, 2019, All Day Event

Where: Cross Insurance Center, Bangor

How to Apply: UMSS19.umaine.edu

Deadline: March 15, 2019 at 4:30pm

Acceptance Notifications: March 25, 2019

UMSS19 Abstract Submission Deadline is March 15 @ 4:30 pm.

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Abstract Submission Guidelines and Criteria

The following information provides you with the criteria that must be met when submitting your abstract:

- **Abstract Summary.** The abstract summary should contain enough information about your research and scholarly activities to allow assignment of proper judges that are well informed and prepared to score your presentation on the event day. **Limit the abstract to only 250 words. An additional 100 characters are allotted for *Acknowledgments* and *References*.**
- **Clarity.** Your work will be judged based on both the submitted abstract and your presentation on the day of the event. **You need to clearly define the research topic, state the motivation behind your work, and the benefits to the academic community as well as the general public.** Your hypothesis, methods, and results should be explained in simple and concise language that is accessible by reviewers outside your field.
- **Acknowledgments.** **All abstracts and presentations need to include an acknowledgment statement if they received funding and/or support from a UM unit, grant, etc.**
 - For example: This research was funded by the Center for Undergraduate Research 2018-19 Academic Year Fellowship.
- **References.** Reference formatting should be applied as follows,
 - [1] J. Smith, B. Shannon, and C. H Yu, "Paper title", publication, year.
 - [2] Use a discipline-specific referencing format.

For more information including, presentation type photos, descriptions, and requirements



**Presentation Type Descriptions
& Abstract Criteria**

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NOTICE! Poster & Exhibit Presentations

RE: Poster Printing Costs & Deadlines

The timeline between participant announcements (March 25th) and the zero-cost poster-printing deadline (April 3rd) is *very tight*. **Therefore, it is important to plan ahead and give yourself ample time to receive the appropriate approvals.**

Things to Remember:

- **All presentations must be reviewed and approved by your faculty mentor prior to printing.**
- You must work with Printing Services to approve a proof of your poster prior to printing.
- **ALL posters, whether they are associated with a Poster Presentation or an Exhibit Presentation, must be created using the UMSS19 poster templates.**
 - Template will be provided in the acceptance letter notifications, they will also be posted on the UMSS19 website.
 - **NOTE: Poster-Presentation Template and Exhibit-Presentation poster template are different sizes.**
 - Template for poster presentations is 3'x4'
 - Template for exhibit presentation poster is 2'x3'
 - Posters are NOT required for an exhibit presentation
- Posters that are paid for by the UMSS19 Committee must be printed through [UM Printing Services](#).

Poster Printing Deadlines:

- **Wed April 3, 2019, by 4 pm** (FREE Posters)
- **Fri April 5, 2019, by 4pm** (50% discount)
- Last chance to guarantee your poster will be printed in time for the event **is Mon April 8, by 3pm**. You must have submitted and approved the proof of your poster by the 3pm deadline. Anything submitted after 4pm on Fri April 5, 2019 is at the students' expense/no cost-sharing contributions will be made by the UMSS19 Executive Committee.

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