

Social Science Research and Instructional Council

OFFICIAL RULES for SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

The Symposium will include **four \$500** best paper awards (Faculty Memorial Awards).

I. BEST PAPER AWARDS

Awards will be in four categories: The McCall Award for best undergraduate paper, the Nesvold Award for best graduate paper, the Rummels Award for paper demonstrating the best use of quantitative data, and the Best Use of Qualitative Data Award. Awards will be based only on the written papers submitted, but papers must actually be presented in order to be eligible for an award.

a. McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Paper

The award for best undergraduate paper is named after Dr. Charles McCall (Political Science, Bakersfield). Charles was one of the SSRIC founders. He was SSRIC Council Chair (AY 1974-75), served on the Council of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, and was ICPSR Council chair. He died in 2013.

b. Nesvold Award for Best Graduate Paper

The best graduate paper award is named after another of the Council's founders, Dr. Betty Nesvold (Political Science, San Diego). Betty was the very first SSRIC chair (AY 1972-73). Like Charles, she also served on the Council of the ICPSR, and was ICPSR Council Chair. She died in 1992.

c. Rummels Award for Best Use of Quantitative Data

The award for the best use of quantitative data is named after Gloria Rummels (Staff, State University Data Center [SUDC]). Until the early 1990s, SUDC served as the "hub" for the data bases, and the late Gloria Rummels was one of several staff members who provided fantastic support for data users. From the time of her death in 1985 until SUDC was disbanded some years later, Gloria's SUDC colleagues funded this prize out of their own pockets.

d. Best Use of Qualitative Data

The inaugural year for best use of qualitative data analysis is 2021 and will be recognized at the 46th Annual Social Science Student Symposium. Qualitative data is non-numerical and can be collected from observations, interviews, audio and video recordings, experience, email, social media, text and historical events. Analysis of qualitative data results in a narrative and is concerned with both interpretation, explanation and direction. Such data can be tabulated into nominal/ordinal data without the use of advanced statistical analysis.

II. TRAVEL SUPPORT (Suspended during COVID-19 pandemic)

Travel Support: Non-host campus students who are lead authors and present their research projects are eligible to receive stipends/honorariums not to exceed \$100 depending upon the number of presentations and available funds.

- a. Travel support is one stipend/honorarium per paper given to the presenting lead author in attendance from non-host CSU campuses.
 - b. Students who present two (2) or more papers are limited to one (1) stipend/honorarium.
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III. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Currently enrolled undergraduates, Master's level graduate students, and students in the first two full years of a CSU doctoral program, including recent graduates (Fall term 2020 or later) presenting work completed prior to graduation.

- a. Students may make a presentation without having submitted a paper, but will not be considered for an award.
 - b. In the case of papers with multiple authors, all authors must be eligible for an award.
 - c. Papers co-authored by both graduate and undergraduate students will be considered to be graduate papers.
 - d. California community college students are welcome to present, but are not eligible for awards.
 - e. CSU Students from campuses that do not have active Social Science Research and Instructional Council subscriptions are welcome to present, but are not eligible for awards.
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IV. SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPATION

- a. One must register for the Symposium by completing an online registration form. The SSRIC website at <http://www.ssrlic.org> includes a link to the online registration form. Go to: <http://www.ssrlic.org/participate/src>

- b. **Abstract-Only**
If one does not wish to be considered for an award, it is not necessary to submit a research paper to participate. To present research as a work-in-progress, one need only submit an abstract (150-250 words) by the registration deadline. Abstract-only submissions are not eligible for the best paper awards.

- c. **Best Paper Competition**
To be considered for an award, one must submit a research paper by the registration deadline, make a presentation at the symposium and be present at the awards ceremony.

- d. **Necessary Forms**
 - i. To receive an award, the CSU Foundation may require two forms such as -

"State of California Vendor Data Record STD 204 (Rev 8-10)" form and
"Withholding Exemption Certificate 590" form.

Following the Symposium Award Ceremony, winning students will complete the either the above CSU Foundation forms or similar forms of the host campus.

 - ii. To receive a stipend/honorarium, the host campus may require several forms such as -

"Vendor Data Record STD 204" form and
"Honorarium Payment Request" form.

Host campus forms may vary from those above, but eligible students will complete these forms on the day of the symposium.

 - iii. International students cannot use the above forms and are asked to email the host campus contact.

- e. During the online registration, one should include a mailing address and phone number in case there is a need be reached regarding the distribution of stipends, honorariums and awards, which will vary by the host campus. Checks may be mailed to the participants or, in the case of an award, may be transferred directly to the winning students' campus financial aid office. Participants will be provided specific details from the campus host.

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V. ABSTRACT-ONLY REQUIREMENTS – Length and Format

If one is interested in making a presentation only, submit a one-page ABSTRACT (150-250 words).

- a. Submit your paper as an MS Word document (preferred), but PDF is acceptable.
- b. Name your file either "**GRAD_lastname_firstname**" or "**UG_lastname_firstname**" using the status (graduate or undergraduate) and names (last name first) of the lead author, i.e., GRAD_Wilson_Brian.docx (MS Word) or UG_Wilson_Brian.pdf (Adobe Acrobat).
- c. Prepare your one-page abstract using Times New Roman 12 point font with one-inch margins.
- d. In the upper left corner of the page, enter your "student status" as either GRADUATE or UNDERGRADUATE.
- e. Directly below your "**student status**", enter your name, university, major and email address.
- f. Center your title and, on the next line, enter the names of the lead and, if any, co-authors. If there are multiple authors, list them in the order of their contributions, i.e., Wilson, Brian, Robert Skinner and Glenn Watson.
- g. Type your abstract below your title/author lines using single-spacing (150-250 words).

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VI. PAPER REQUIREMENTS – Length and Format

If you are interested in being considered for an award, submit both ABSTRACT (150-250 words) and PAPER.

- a. Submit your paper as an MS Word document (preferred), but PDF is acceptable
- b. Name your file either "GRAD_lastname_firstname" or "UG_lastname_firstname" using the status (graduate or undergraduate) and name of the lead author, i.e., UG_Wilson_Brian.docx (MS Word) or GRAD_Wilson_Brian.pdf (Adobe Acrobat). Note: For the competition, the filenames will be altered for anonymity prior to judging.
- c. Prepare your paper using Times New Roman 12 point font with a one-inch margins.
- d. Not more than 20 pages (excluding title, abstract, tables and graphs, and list of works cited)
 - First Page - Title and Abstract: The first page should include ONLY your title and abstract using single-spacing (150-250 words).
 - Second and Subsequent Pages – Paper: The paper must be double-spaced.
- e. **DO NOT include tables and graphs within the paper**; rather, place tables and graphs as an addendum to the paper.
- f. **DO NOT include identifying information**, such as author(s) name(s), campus affiliation or other identifying information on the abstract or paper.

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VII. PAPER RESTRICTIONS

- a. Papers that are published or forthcoming in a peer-reviewed journal (excluding student journals) are not eligible for awards, nor are book chapters.
 - b. Papers can be presented at both the Symposium and another conference such as the CSU Student Research Competition. For other conferences, however, check with the conference organizers.
 - c. **Faculty cannot co-author a submitted paper.** Only students may be listed as authors, and students must have done the bulk of the work. These are student awards for student work. Faculty advisers are expected to be just that: advisers.
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VIII. AWARD CRITERIA

- a. In addition to submitting a research paper by the registration deadline, **the author must present the paper at the Symposium and attend the awards ceremony.**
 - b. When there are multiple authors, **at least one author must present the paper at the Symposium and attend the awards ceremony.**
 - c. If a paper wins an award with multiple authors, the award amount is divided equally among all authors listed on the paper, including those not actually presenting.
 - d. Symposium stipends/honorariums and best paper awards may have tax or other financial implications such as financial aid. Students, who have questions regarding financial aid, should contact their campus financial aid office. SSRIC does not give tax or insurance advice.
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IX. SELECTION PROCESS

- a. A faculty committee appointed by the Social Science Research and Instructional Council will select the best paper awardees.
 - b. Paper reviews are anonymous, and faculty do not review work submitted from their own campus.
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