Science Influencers Fall Research Symposium
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Purpose

The *Science Influencers* program integrates research, education, and extension (REE) experiences for undergraduates to become effective, influential communicators of science. Each *Science Influencer* completes a summer internship to expand their scientific and technical communications training and experience. *Science Influencers'* summer internships culminate in expanded communications training through students' 1) written materials for publication through the *Science Influencers* program, and 2) presentation of a scientific poster or an oral presentation about the internship experience at the *Science Influencers* Annual Fall Research Symposium. Hence, *Science Influencers* announces a Call for Abstracts for scientific poster or oral presentations during the *Science Influencers* 2023 Fall Research Symposium.

Abstract Types

Science Influencers' proposed research abstracts are intended for wide dissemination of summer internship experiences in relation to:

- Research – reporting on systematic investigations into and study of materials and sources to establish facts and reach new conclusions
- Application – documenting practical and/or field experiences of applied research, education, and/or extension of the summer internship; or
- Innovation – presentation of concepts or ideas that illustrate innovative approaches for acquiring REE-relevant learning opportunities.

Rules

1. Abstracts must represent the student's original work.
2. Each student may submit more than one abstract.
3. Draft Abstract is due on or before October 18, 2023, 5 p.m. CST.
4. Final Abstract submission deadline is October 31, 2023, 5 p.m. CST.
5. Presentation/Poster materials to be presented in the *Science Influencers* Annual Fall Research Symposium are due on or before November 7, 2023, 5 p.m. CST.

Formatting Abstracts

- <u>Oral</u>: Oral presentation abstracts provide an overview of the summer internship experience. Typically, abstracts describe what took place, where it occurred, how it happened, and what were the outcomes of the internship. See specific headings in Required Formats.
- <u>Poster</u>: Poster presentation abstracts are like oral presentation abstracts but may be more reliant on outcomes and applications of lessons learned from the internship experience. Use the same specific headings to develop poster presentation abstracts.

Required Formats

- Submissions include a title page, abstract, and references in one document.
- Title page: Abstract title, student's name, institution, contact information (email address).
- Include up to five keywords on the title page.
- **Limit the abstract to 1,000 words** (excluding title page and references) to communicate accurately an overview of your REEU summer internship experience.
- Photos, figures, and/or tables are allowed as attachments (not part of the word count).
- Bolded section headings are required, such as:

- o **Presentation Title** (not included in in the 1,000-word limit)
- o **Introduction** or **Literature Review**
- o **Purpose and Objectives**
- o **Methods** or **Procedures**
- o **Results** or **Findings**
- o **Conclusions**, **Recommendations**, **Implications**, and/or **Application**
- o **References** (not included in in the 1,000-word limit)
- Cite references using a known citation style guide (e.g., MLA, APA, Chicago).

Presentation Concerns (during the *Science Influencers* 2023 Fall Research Symposium)
Connectivity and Atmosphere
- The 2023 Fall Research Symposium is a live and virtual event.
- Each presenter (student) must have a secure and dependable internet connection (if virtual).
- Each presenter must test their internet connection before the symposium.
- Presentations must be in distraction-free settings, such as university meeting or classroom spaces or undisturbed apartment/home spaces.
- Presenters must maintain their internet connection throughout the symposium, even while not presenting their specific oral or poster abstract.

Professionalism
- Presenters appear (live or pre-recorded) as professionals in their fields.
- Appropriate dress, language, and interactions with the audience are expected.
  - o <u>Oral</u>: Oral presentations (live or pre-recorded) should be 10-12 minutes, with an additional ~3-5 minutes for Q/A discussions follows each oral presentation.
  - o <u>Poster</u>: Poster presentations (live or pre-recorded) should be 10-12 minutes for poster content explanations; ~3-5 minutes for Q/A follows each poster presentation.
- All presentations should:
  - o Begin with an appropriate self-introduction.
  - o Briefly introduce the internship organization, location, and field supervisor.
  - o Describe professional changes (e.g., knowledge, skills, abilities) from the internship.
  - o Describe personal changes (e.g., characteristics, skills, attitudes) from the internship.
  - o Explain elements of the *Science Influencers* summer internship that are applicable to a future career.
- Presentations may include video, animation, etc. within the 10–12-minute limit.
- All *Science Influencer* participants, regardless of presentation status, should prepare appropriate questions of each other's materials to spark short Q/A discussions if no one from the public asks or posts questions online.

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