

2018 Graduate Research Symposium Abstract Submission Instructions and Criteria

Instructions for Abstract Submission

1. After preparing your abstract according to the Submission Criteria detailed below. Please go to the 2018 GRS submission page: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=2018grs>
2. You will be directed to the EasyChair login page for the Graduate Research Symposium.
3. An account is required to register your abstract. If you do not have an Easy Chair account, click "create an account" and follow the EasyChair instructions to create a new account. You will get a confirmation email.
4. Once you have confirmed your account, please log in back to the 2018 GRS submission page.
5. Click "**New Submission**" located at the top of the page. If the "New Submission" link is not visible, you may need to sign the terms of service first. Please click the "**Submissions**" tab, sign the terms of service when you asked to, and then click the link "**Add a new submission**".
6. Begin the "Authors Information" section of the submission.
 - a. Add **up to 3** authors with their information in the fields provided
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 - c. Copy and paste the **Title, Abstract and any Keywords** in their corresponding fields. NOTE: There is a 500-word maximum for the Abstract field.
 - d. Under the **Topics** section: Select **ONE Category** - 1. Humanities, Education, and Arts, 2. Public Health, Social Sciences, and Business, 3. Computer Science and Mathematics, 4. Engineering, OR 5. Physical and Natural Sciences
 - e. Under the **Other Information and Uploads** section: Select if you would like to be considered for an Oral Presentation, instead of a Poster. Then upload your Press Paragraph in PDF form.
 - f. When ready, click **Submit**. Do not click it more than once. Only one submission per author.
 - g. You will receive a confirmation email once you have submitted.
7. You may resubmit, edit, or withdraw your participation until the abstract submission deadline of February 16, 2018, at 12pm.

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Submission Format and Criteria

Press Paragraph

- This should be a brief statement of the purpose and relevance of your research

Abstract

- Full abstract that follows the criteria outlined below
- 300 – 500 words

Accessibility/Communicability

- Abstract can be understood by the general public (specifically by students or faculty from another discipline)
- Abstract does not get bogged down in discipline-specific/obscure jargon or terms
- Terms and concepts clearly defined

Statement of Purpose/Thesis/ Research Problem/Research Question

- Clearly states purpose, research problem, and/or research question(s)
- Clearly outlines objectives, goals, findings, or argument

Analysis

- Clearly states methodology (theory and methods for completing research, obtaining and evaluating sources/evidence, etc.)
- Articulated in an organized manner
- Analytic plan is appropriate for research objectives

Results And/Or Conclusions

- Results and/or conclusions are clear
- Results and/or conclusions are supported by evidence and related to the research purpose/thesis/question
- Flows logically from methodology

Importance/Relevance

- Clearly outlines the importance of research goals and conclusions
- Conveys the relevance/broader impacts of research

Thank you for your interest! The abstracts will be reviewed on February 17th and decisions will be sent out before the end of February. Please email Karlesia Montague (kmontagu@uncc.edu) or Maylee Vazquez (mvazque9@uncc.edu) with any questions.