Student Scholarship Expo: Why Participate and How to Benefit

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Annual Spring Faculty Teaching & Research Forum
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What is the Expo?
What is the Expo?

- Bradley’s celebration and recognition of National Undergraduate Research Week, April 14-18, 2014

- Annual Spring event (2014 Expo will be Bradley’s 22nd Annual Event!)

- **Showcases** the outstanding quality, importance, and diversity of undergraduate and graduate research and creative production at Bradley

- **Allows students to present their scholarly works**

- Recognizes **collaboration among faculty and students** within and across disciplines.

- **Showcases** nearly 300 of our most motivated students and 80 faculty annually

- **Encourages** students not yet engaged in research or creative achievement
Important Dates & Deadlines

**April 16-17, 2014**
Renaissance Coliseum

**IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES**
**Monday, March 31, 2014**
Registration and abstracts (no more than 250 words) due

**Tuesday, April 15th**
4:00PM – 8:00PM / Participant check-in and Poster set-up

**Wednesday, April 16th**
9:00AM-10:00AM: Poster Set-Up
TBA Judging Times
3:00 PM Grad Student Reception

**Thursday, April 17th**
2:00 PM – 5:00PM: Public Poster Viewing
3:00PM-5:00PM: Judging Slots
5:00PM Reception
6:00 PM Award Ceremony
I'm so stressed out over being stressed out that I can't even remember why I'm stressed out.... and it's stressing me out!
Participation Benefits for Faculty

Strategic Plan

Class Attendance

Networking

Publications

Tenure & Promotion

Feedback
Benefiting your goals by mentoring an Expo project:

- Monetary Awards
- Practice Communication Skills
- Exhibit Work
- Advancements in Field
- Published Abstract
- Resumes & Grad School Apps
- Leadership
- Networking
- Share with Businesses & Companies
- Goals & Meet Deadlines
- National Conferences
- Publications
Now What??

- I want to participate...NOW WHAT??
- Get the word out!
  - Post announcements
  - Include in your syllabus
  - Extra credit opportunities
  - Have your class attend
- Discuss participation with your students
- Talk with others in your department/college
- Attend an Expo information session (February and March TBA)
- Check the CTEL webpage for deadlines, tips and guidelines
- Develop goals, deadlines and motivational milestones
How to Help Mentor a Project

• Develop a timeline
  ▫ Set realistic milestones for your students!
• Discuss your project’s significance
  ▫ What will your audience take home with them?
  ▫ How will you present your findings in a meaningful, interesting, and legible manner?
• Structure of presentation
• Map out the roles of the student(s) and your contributions to the project
• Don’t wait until the last minute to print your poster!
Common Excuses Students Do NOT Participate:

- My project is not complete!
- I have a project but no time to participate in the event
- No one is interested in my project... why does anyone care about this?
- My project is more demonstrative and the work cannot be explained with a poster.
- I’m already doing too much and don’t have time to present at Expo
- My project cannot be presented because it involves proprietary information.
- I’m have a project to present, but I don’t have a faculty mentor. WHAT???
Need More Information???

- Check the CTEL website (www.bradley.edu/ctel) for important dates and deadlines, including:
  - Registration forms
  - Abstract submission information
  - Information Sessions
  - Poster presentation guidelines and tips
  - Poster templates
Questions???

Periodically check the CTEL website for updates and additional information about Expo 2014 at:

www.bradley.edu/CTEL

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