



Jacksonville University

2024 Student Research and Scholarship Symposium

What is the JU Symposium?

The Jacksonville University faculty have embraced a commitment to research for undergraduate and graduate students. Our goal is to ensure that every JU graduate is experienced in performing research appropriate to each student's discipline: defining and limiting a topic; surveying the literature dealing with the topic; designing and accomplishing a research methodology; analyzing and synthesizing the data; writing the report in the appropriate format for the discipline; and presenting the research in a public forum. All of this is done under the guidance of a faculty mentor for each student.

The Jacksonville University Student Research and Scholarship Symposium (JU Symposium) is a research and scholarship conference for undergraduate and graduate students. Our goal is to provide an exciting opportunity for all JU students (freshman-graduate students) to present their work in a professional setting. This experience provides an opportunity for JU students to enhance their written and oral communication skills through a formal conference presentation. This platform also helps students develop their presentation skills in the digital world.

Background

The JU Symposium was organized by the volunteer effort of a few professors. Our university administration also provides increasing financial and institutional support as the JU Symposium becomes bigger and more popular. The Director of Undergraduate Research, Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser, was appointed to further these efforts.

Abstract Submission

Students will e-mail their abstracts and availability sheets (downloaded from the JU symposium website: <https://www.ju.edu/research/symposium.php>) to a faculty representative in their college or school. The students may request a podium or poster presentation and every student must have a faculty advisor listed. The faculty representative will review the abstracts (from their college/school) for quality and correct formatting. The projects should be research based. For example, students who have collected data in an independent study project would fall into this category. Abstracts should be 250 words or less, with 12-point font in Times New Roman style. An example abstract is provided on the website.

Student Research



Presentations



Faculty Representatives

Dr. Irina Toteva (Business) – itoteva@ju.edu
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Important Information

- The JU Student Research and Scholarship Symposium will be held In-Person in DCOB on Monday, March 25 – Tuesday, March 26, 2024.
- The abstract deadline for submission to a faculty representative is March 8, 2024.

Types of Presentations

Students must have a faculty advisor for all presentations.

- Podium presentations will be held in-person in DCOB, rooms 165, 171, and 174 and virtually on Monday 10:00-11:30 am and 1:00-5:15 pm, and Tuesday from 8:00-11:30 am and 1:00-5:15 pm in 15-minute segments. Blackboard Collaborate will be used to enable virtual attendance as well.
- Poster presentations will be held in-person from noon to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, or during specific class sessions. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Posters may be printed at JU for no cost, until one week before the start of the symposium.
- Abstracts for class poster sessions may be sent by faculty directly to Dr. Bielmyer-Fraser (gbielmy@ju.edu) along with the time preference.

Featured Sessions

A Women's and Gender Studies poster session will be held on Monday, March 25th from noon to 1 pm, followed by a podium session from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. All students, faculty and staff are welcome! If you are interested in presenting during these sessions, please submit your abstract to Dr. Laura Winn (lwinn@ju.edu).

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