HOW TO SUBMIT A CONFERENCE PROPOSAL AND PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH
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WHY PRESENT RESEARCH?

Inform the Public
People have questions, and research answers those questions. By presenting your research, you inform the public of your findings and potentially educate them and answer their questions.

Spread the Topic
You might be working on a topic that is not well known. By presenting it in conference, you create awareness of your project which might inspire other researchers and create an impact in your field.

Receive Funds
Some organizations or foundations may be dedicated to funding projects, however that doesn't mean that they will understand what you are working on. You have to be able to present your research project to them in order to convince them to give you more money.
Conferences are usually places designated for the presentation of research in specific fields. A professor may ask you to attend a conference with them, or ask your team to present in the conference. There might be seminars and information booths where you explain your research to other professionals across your field and others.

The best way to present your research at a conference or to a group of people is by the use of visuals such as a poster or PowerPoint. In many cases, you might be asked to create the poster or PowerPoint. In which case, you will have to learn to summarize your work in the most efficient manner to present it.

Presenting research isn't always talking in front of crowd, essays and articles are also a way to present your research. You will help write articles and explain to your audience the process of the research and why your topic is impactful.
**WHO TO PRESENT RESEARCH TO?**

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<td>When attending events, university or not, there will be plenty of professors who will take an interest in the work you do.</td>
<td>Conferences are a great place to present research, and there will be a variety of people from professionals in the field, to funding groups to the regular person simply interested in getting started.</td>
<td>When attending university events, it is quite likely you will be presenting to your peers in the field, or perhaps in class to spread awareness of the project to more people.</td>
<td>Knowledge is for everyone, and the community is not stop to that. Normal community members may be curious about what is going on as well and will attend conferences and scholarly events.</td>
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WHAT TO INCLUDE ON A POSTER

**Introduction**
This section is the ‘what’. It gives a brief explanation of the purpose of the research and what it is. Think of it as a really short abstract.

**Methods**
This where you outline, or the ‘how’ of the research. Briefly explain the steps of data collection.

**Data**
Data is proof of the research, make it easy to read by using charts and graphs.

**Discussion**
This is the ‘why’, make sure to tell and show your audience why all of this matters and the meaning of your result.

**References**
As always, state your references!

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**Beyond the Veil: The Library Search**
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**Introduction**

**Background**
- There is an abundance of children’s literature that deals with death, loss, or grief.
- These books are used to help children cope, educate about death, and to explain ideas about the afterlife.

**Previous Literature**
- In children's literature about death, main characters (e.g., the protagonist) are not ethically diverse.
- Main characters in children's books on death are also after life, depicted anthropomorphically.
- Books examined in previous studies were identified from Amazon's children's catalogues, and other reference materials.
- Widening this area of research is a consideration of where families and communities learn about the books they should share with children.

**Current Study Objectives**
- To examine the availability of children's book recommendations from librarians across the United States.
- To create an updated list of books about grieving (due COVID-19 Pandemic).
- To identify trends among the recommendations.

**Methods**

**Outreach Steps**
1. Collected data from 2020 US Census about 5 most populated cities in each state .
2. Completed a list of 58 libraries based on the list of most populated cities and D.C. totaling 216.
4. Followed-up after a month with libraries that had not replied.
5. Created a database with all recommendations (M. Agnew assisted the author, year published, market age range, type of book, etc. in addition to the location, status, and language).

**Results**

**Data**

This yielded a list of 1,678 books with 414 unique recommendations. 20 of these books were recommended by over 20 separate libraries.

**Discussion**

- **Books from 1952-2021**: a span of 70 years were included. Books in two languages (English and Spanish) were among these.

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**Title**
State the name of the project, the authors, co-authors and PI.

**References**

CHECK YOUR AUDIENCE

Not everyone will know your topic

- You might be presenting your research to people who have never heard about your topic, make sure to use words and examples they know.
- Take a more educative approach, learn how to teach your topic to those who are learning it for the first time.

For those who do know your topic

- More likely than not, you might be presenting to those who are already very familiar with your field and topic, in which case, they do not need as many details.
- Be sure to be concise, and get to the point of your project. Explain why it is important to the field, don’t only explain why it is important to you.
WHERE TO PRESENT RESEARCH

There are many places to present your research. These are a couple.

- American Society of Engineering Education Northeast Conference
- College Arts Association Annual Conference
- NCUR (National conference on Undergraduate Research)
- SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & native Americans in science)
- Council on Undergraduate Research National Conference
- Scholars Day
- University Research Day
HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

We will be using the format for the University Research Day. Many conferences will follow a similar format, however make sure to visit the site of your conference for details on your submission.

For URD, you must include the following for the proposal:

- Must be no more than 750 words, not including references
  - References and additional resources can be included on a separate page
  - Should include a list of authors and co-authors, along with the department affiliation (not considered apart of the 750 word limit)
- Double space
- Arial or Times New Roman Font
- 12 point type size
- The following abstract structure is recommended (you may modify as needed).
  - Identification of Problem and Significance
  - Approach/Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions

After your submission, you will be notified if you have been selected to be a poster presenter. Most conferences will follow the same process to review your abstract in order to make their selections for the presenters.
University Research Day is a chance to submit your research proposal in order to get a chance to present your research to students and faculty alike. There is a poster session, where you will get the chance to not only share your research but also network with various departments and colleges at UNT. Additionally, there are interactive panel sessions that showcase faculty and student work. This is an academic celebration open to everyone.
The Research Development Team will host its second annual University Research Day in the Fall of 2024. This year, we will accept abstracts starting April 1, 2024 for our annual poster competition. Be a part of our early bird call to save your spot in our poster celebration. We look forward to recognizing high-impact, innovative, and educational research by students and faculty on campus. Our team will provide the link with submission details on April 1! Mark your calendars!
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