



INFORMATION PACKET

Student Research Day for Montana's Two-Year Colleges is a celebration of student research, creative and scholarly activities. It is also an opportunity for students and faculty from multiple two-year institutions to interact with peers in their respective disciplines. Research Day is the premier academic two-year event in Montana.

A. Welcome All!

The **Montana Two-Year College Student Research Day** will be **Friday, April 13th, 2018, at Helena College in Helena**. Montana's two-year programs and their students are invited to participate.

- Final registration deadline is Friday, April 6th, 2018.

B. Core Principle

Student research, creative or scholarly activity projects from ALL disciplines are welcome and encouraged. "Research" is sometimes misunderstood as being related only to the so called "hard" sciences. BUT, the term research encompasses all research, creative and scholarly activities. Accordingly, ALL DISCIPLINES WILL BE WELCOME at Research Day – from Anthropology to Zoology – from Construction to Welding – from Accounting to Writing. WE WANT TO CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS' GOOD WORK!

C. Travel/Lodging/Funding

Registration and event attendance are free for all participants. Participants will be responsible for their travel to and from the event and lodging. For your convenience, some hotels close to Helena College are listed below:

Baymont Inn & Suites
750 N. Fee St
(406) 558-4756

Shilo Inn & Suites
2020 Prospect Ave
(406) 442-0320

Days Inn Helena
2001 Prospect Ave
(406) 204-3728

Howard Johnson Helena
2101 11th Ave
(406) 443-2300

La Quinta Inn & Suites
701 Washington St
(406) 449-4000

Jorgenson's Inn & Suites
1714 11th Ave
(406) 442-1770

D. Numbers

- a. Research Day will host a maximum of **60 student-research projects** from the following:
Bitterroot College, City College, Gallatin College, Great Falls College, Helena College, Highlands College, Missoula College, Dawson Community College, Flathead Valley Community College and Miles Community College
Tribal Colleges: Aaniih Nakoda College, Blackfeet Community College, Chief Dull Knife College, Fort Peck Community College, Salish Kootenai College, Stone Child College, Little Big Horn College
- b. Projects are also welcome from each of Montana's 4-year schools without a 2-year institution but which have 2-year programs: *MSU-Northern and UM-Western*

Each college will use its own methodology for selecting its research projects to be featured at Research Day.

E. The Guidelines for the Student Research, Creative or Scholarly Projects

- a. Any research, creative, or scholarly activity, from any discipline areas, involving 2-year students is welcome.
- b. Projects originating both IN and OUT of the classroom are welcome.
- c. Each student research project must have a Faculty/Staff sponsor.
- d. The Faculty/Staff sponsor will be the primary contact person for the project.
- e. Tri-fold posters are the recommended manner to display posters.
- f. Table space will be available for each poster.
- g. Poster display logistics will be the responsibility of the students and sponsor.
- h. Electrical power is available on a limited basis and will be first awarded to those individuals in need with preference given in order of registration.
- i. Oral presentations will consist of a 15 minute talk followed by 5 minutes for questions. Oral presentations will require the presentation to be provided on a scanned, virus-free thumbdrive in either PowerPoint or Adobe format.

F. Deadline

Participant registration and presentation abstract submissions must be submitted by **April 6, 2018** in order to be included in the conference program. Registration and abstract submission must be completed online through the event webpage.

G. What Happens On Research Day?

- a. Students will check-in between 8am-9:00am and set up their posters/projects by discipline. Students will have the opportunity view each other's posters and get to know other students.
- b. Event welcome at 9:15am.
- c. Keynote speaker at 9:30am
- d. Poster/project displays will be from 10am-12pm; student-researchers will stand next to their posters/projects and discuss them with passing visitors. Oral presentations will occur simultaneously in designated locations.
- e. Posters/projects will not be judged. This is a celebration – not a competition.
- f. At noon, social hour and celebration lunch.
- g. Research Day will conclude at 1 pm.

G. Directions to Helena College:

Helena College is located at **1115 North Roberts** in Helena, MT. Parking is available for all attendees at no cost, but you must obtain a parking permit at the registration check-in desk upon your arrival.

H. Wi-Fi with Internet: Free wi-fi access will be available for all participants/guests.

I. For Questions or Information:

E-mail: 2YCResearchDay@HelenaCollege.edu