



2021 Virtual Symposium Manual

Symposium

The primary goal for this symposium is to showcase the research done at Alcorn State University and surrounding institutions and to provide an additional opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to develop professionally and academically in addition to preparing our students for future conferences.

Registration

- All registration will be completed online.
- Each participant must register in order to participate in the symposium (even if they are not presenting).
- All participants need to register at [7th Annual CRES Registration](#) in order to receive the Zoom information to gain access to the event

Dates and Deadlines

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February 18, 2021	Oral Abstracts Due
February 18, 2021	Poster Abstracts Due
March 18, 2021	Symposium Begins

- For Alcorn State University, **ALL** student research workers that are paid from Evans Allen or McIntire Stennis are expected to present at MAS and ARD (every other year).

Abstract Submission

- Ensure that each presenter has clearly indicated if they are undergraduate, graduate, or faculty
- Ensure that each presenter has clearly indicated if they are submitting oral or poster presentations
- Abstracts need to be submitted at the CRES homepage <https://www.alcorn.edu/CRES2021>
- Registrants must declare if the presentation is their defense

Call for Abstracts

Title:

- Capitalize all proper words
- Italicize genus and species
- No footnotes
- Bold all words in title

Body:

- Limit 250 words
- Give scientific name at first mention of the subject organism
- Do not cite references, figures, tables, probability levels, nor detailed results
- Refer to results only in the general sense
- Place three (3) to five (5) key words on a line below the abstracts

Authors and Affiliations:

- First Initials and Last name (M.C. Mason), no first names
- * denotes presenter
- Avoid footnoting
- List authors followed by department, University name, city, state, and zip code

Title, Authors, and Affiliations Example

Screening *Capsicum chinense* Fruits of the World. G. F. Antonious*, Department of Agriculture, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY 40101; J. C. Snyder, Department of Horticulture, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546; and R. L. Jarret, USDA/ARS Plant Genetics Laboratory, Griffin, GA 30223.

Amending a submission:

- You may wish to change your submission. You can do this at any time up to the deadline.
 - Log in to the submission system
 - You will see a list of the abstracts that you have submitted. Click on the abstract that you wish to change.
 - The process of amending an abstract is the same as the original submission process, except that the submission form will be automatically filled in with the answers that you gave previously – you don't have to change an answer if you don't want to.

- When you reach the final step and press “Finish” you will be sent an email confirming that your abstract has been amended.

Withdrawing an abstract:

- If you want to withdraw an abstract please contact the conference administrator Dr. Melissa Mason at mcmason@alcorn.edu. If you are unable to attend after submission and registration, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly.

Guidelines for Posters

1. **Timeline:**
 - a. Students will have 5 minutes for their presentation and 2 minutes for questioning by the judges.
2. **The poster must have the following sections:**
 - a. Title with authors and Institution(s)
 - b. Abstract
 - c. Introduction
 - d. Materials and Methods
 - e. Results (to include charts, tables, figures and photos)
 - f. Discussion
 - g. Conclusion(s)
 - h. Literature Cited

Guidelines for Oral Presentations

1. Students must be present 30 minutes prior to their scheduled presentation time. They are to report to the moderator when they arrive. This is to ensure that if other students are no-shows or the symposium is moving ahead of schedule, that the student will not miss their turn.
2. The symposium will not be held responsible for any students missing their presentations if they are not present 30 minutes prior to their time.
3. Students will have 10 minutes to complete their presentation and two minutes for questions.

Awards

Certificates will be given to all presenting students and professionals in both oral presentations and posters. First and second place winners will be determined by the average score of three judges. Winners will receive the following:

- Undergraduate Oral
 - First Place: plaque + \$250
 - Second Place: plaque + \$150
- Undergraduate Poster
 - First Place: plaque + \$250
 - Second Place: plaque + \$150
- Graduate Oral
 - First Place: plaque + \$250
 - Second Place: plaque + \$150
- Graduate Poster
 - First Place: plaque + \$250
 - Second Place: plaque + \$150
- Professional Oral
 - First Place: plaque
 - Second Place: plaque
- Professional Poster
 - First Place: plaque
 - Second Place: plaque

Judging (forms can be seen online at <https://www.alcorn.edu/CRES2021>)

- There will be three judges per oral and poster presentation.
- Students who are presenting posters are responsible for staying online with their posters until all three judges have scored them. If a student has not been scored by three judges they need to contact the Dr. Kamilah Grant (keg@alcorn.edu) and inform her of the situation.
- Judges are working on the honor system and are expected to recuse themselves if they find themselves scoring their own student.
- Both poster and oral judging forms are available online so presenters can see what they are being judged for.

Contacts

- Oral Presentation Contact
 - Dr. Yan Meng at ymeng@alcorn.edu
- Poster Presentation Contact
 - Dr. Keerthi Mandaym at keerthi@alcorn.edu
- Registration Contact
 - Mrs. April Stampley at aastampley@alcorn.edu
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- Conference Administrators
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