MassURC provides an excellent public forum to practice presentation skills. It is an opportunity for presenters to share their work, to see the work of others in their field and other areas of study, and to give and receive valuable feedback.

**MassURC 2019 Important Dates**

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Who is eligible to present?

All undergraduate students enrolled at any of the 28 public colleges or universities of Massachusetts – UMass campuses, state universities, or community colleges - are eligible to submit abstracts and present.

Each presenter is required to have a faculty sponsor willing to assist them in writing their abstract, reviewing and approving the abstract submission, and providing support in preparation for their presentation.

What to present?

Students are encouraged to present on any topic of interest in their academic studies as an oral, poster, or ePosterBoard presentation. For some, this may be traditional, scientific research. For others, this could include learning and discoveries in areas such as comparative literature, religion, mathematics, public health, education, and more.

In addition, the presentation topic could be derived from:

- Thesis research
- Creative work in the visual and performing arts
- Course assignment
- Independent study
- Community service
- Study abroad experience

Ways to present?

Once the presentation topic is determined, students need to decide whether it makes sense to present as an individual or as part of a group. Students also need to select a preferred format – oral, poster, ePoster

Individual or Group Presentation:

- Individual Presentation: you will submit and present individually, and only you and
**Individual Presentation:** you will submit and present individually, and only you and your faculty sponsor’s names will be identified in conference materials.

**Group Presentation:** you will submit and present with at least one other student, and the names of all students in your group along with your faculty sponsor’s will be identified in conference materials.

Presentation Types (Oral, Poster, ePoster)

Students also need to select a preferred type – oral, poster, ePoster

**Oral Presentations** are conducted in 45-minute sessions that include three 10-minute formal presentations highlighting the most important aspects of a project or research followed by a shared 15-minute Q&A.

- It is common for presenters to include a PowerPoint slide deck with their talk.
- Presenters are provided with computers, projection capabilities, remote clicker, mic, and internet access and expected to bring their PowerPoint presentation on a USB flash drive.

Note: Oral presentations include a review process, and acceptance to present is not guaranteed. If an oral presentation is not accepted by the review panel, the presenter will have the option to display a poster or ePosterBoard.

**Poster Presentations** are interactive 45-minute sessions designed to share research findings and answer questions of attendees.

- The poster is a printed display created to highlight the most important aspects of a project or research. The poster typically includes a brief narrative paper, intermixed with tables, graphs, pictures, and/or other visuals.
- Each presenter or presentation group will be provided with a 4’ x 4’ display board and pins to hang their poster.
- Posters serve as a reference tool while engaging with attendees.
- Presenters have 10 minutes to set up their display before the session begins and 5 minutes after session to remove items.

**ePosterBoard Presentations** are interactive 45-minute sessions designed to share research findings and answer questions of attendees.

- An ePosterBoard (ePoster) is a digital presentation display screen and is computer ready to highlight the most important aspects of a project or research.
- The digital system has capabilities for PowerPoint as well as various video formats.
- ePosters serve as a reference tool while engaging with attendees.
- Presenters must provide their prepared display on a USB flash drive at the conference ePosterBoard desk 45 minutes prior to their presentation time in order to have their display properly cued up for their presentation.
- For more information on setting up an ePoster presentation and to download
templates, visit https://www.honors.umass.edu/eposterboard-information.

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