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 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.

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**Presentation Formats**

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

- **Oral Presentations** are conducted in panel and discussion formats with three presentations per 45-minute session. Grouped by discipline/topic, each presenter (or presentation groups) on the panel gives a 10-minute presentation. Following the presentations, 15 minutes is allotted for a question/answer session with members of the audience.

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 arranged by discipline/topic. Each poster Presenter has 45 minutes to present (10 min before to set up/5 min after to take down). Poster presenters are provided with a 4 foot by 4 foot poster board and pins for displaying their poster.

- **ePosterBoard Presentations** are arranged by discipline/topic. Each ePosterBoard presenter has 45 minutes to present. ePoster presenters must provide their prepared slide/slide deck on a USB stick at the conference venue 45 minutes prior to their presentation time in order to have their display properly cued up for their presentation.

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