What to Expect

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The day of the conference is an exciting experience for students and faculty! Knowing the schedule and general structure of the day will help you to familiarize yourself with day's events and to alleviate at least some of the “presenter jitters.”

In addition to your own presentation, we encourage you to review the schedule and identify presentations of interest taking place at other times throughout the day. Take advantage of the chance to learn from and engage with other Presenters as well as to support your peers.

Registration

When you arrive, locate the registration table for your name badge, which will be in alphabetical order. The staff working at registration will provide you with additional conference information and can answer your questions.

Coat and Poster Check

You may check your posters, coats, hats, gloves, etc... at the coat check. There will be signs directing you, or you can ask one of the staff members where to go. Lines tend to get long in the morning before the keynote as well as before and after lunch, so plan in advance. It’s always a good idea to arrive with plenty of time to get checked in before you present.

ePosterBoard Check-in

If you are presenting an ePoster, plan to arrive 45 minutes prior to your presentation time to check in at the ePosterBoard desk. The ePosterBoard staff ask for your electronic presentation on a USB stick, which they will transfer to their system to cue up for your scheduled board station and time.

For full details on ePosterBoard presentations, [click here]

Welcome and Keynote
The welcome and keynote presentation will be in the Lincoln Campus Center Auditorium at 9:30 a.m. All presenters are encouraged to attend.

Note: The first session occurs before the welcome.

**Be on Time**

Be on time to your presentation! Arrive at least 15 minutes before your assigned time. This will ensure that you can register, check any items that you don’t want to carry with you, find your presentation location and begin setting up. Time management the day of the conference really helps to ensure that you have the best experience possible.

**Dress Code**

We encourage all Presenters to dress professionally for the day of the conference. Legislators and recruiters often attend the Undergraduate Research Conference, so it is advisable to present yourself as you might for an interview. Jeans, t-shirts, and sweatshirts are discouraged.

**How do I get there and where do I park?**

[Click here for directions and parking details](https://www.honors.umass.edu/what-expect)