

# Research Conference: What to Expect Conference Day

The day of the conference is an exciting day for students and faculty! However the anticipation of presenting, especially for first-time presenters can be a bit stressful. Knowing the schedule will help you to familiarize yourself with day's events and to reduce anxiety.

## Registration

When you arrive you will be expected to find your name tag which will be listed in alphabetical order by presenter or faculty/guest. The staff working at registration will provide you with a conference schedule and can answer your questions.

## Coat and Poster Check

Often times students come early to the conference or bring coats or other materials that they don't want to carry with them. 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 and before and after lunch so plan in advance. It's always a good idea to be a few minutes early.

## Welcome and Keynote

The welcome and keynote presentation will be held in the Lincoln Campus Center Auditorium. All presenters are expected to attend. Please be aware that the first session occurs before the welcome; the sessions resume after the welcome and keynote.

## Be on Time

Be on time to your presentation! Being on time means arriving at least 10 to 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

UMass Amherst Commonwealth Honors College prides itself on rigorous academics and

the professionalism of its students. We encourage all presenters to “dress the part” 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.

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