

Subject: Undergraduate Scholars Forum - Call for Presentations

Dear Colleagues,

Following is the notice that is being sent to undergraduate students regarding the 2008 Undergraduate Scholars Forum, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2008. We ask that you bring this opportunity to the attention of students who might be interested in attending or presenting their work at this Forum. Also, be sure to mark your schedules now to be part of this exciting event.

Students must submit their presentations by February 17, 2008. **Late submissions will not be accepted.** The website for the Forum is <http://www.iup.edu/undergradscholars>. Please review the website and send an email to undergrad-scholars@iup.edu if you have any questions about the event.

We look forward to your involvement in the Forum.

Sincerely,

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**Undergraduate Scholars Forum
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Tuesday, April 1, 2008**

Call for Presentations

Deadline for proposal submission is February 17, 2008

The Undergraduate Scholars Forum provides all undergraduate students with an opportunity for scholarly development by presenting their original research, scholarly activities or creative endeavors. Conference participation is designed to foster scholarship and collegiality among undergraduate students and faculty, and to provide a forum for undergraduate students to discuss their academic work with a community of scholars.

Students currently enrolled in any undergraduate program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania are invited to present their research or creative works at the Third Annual Undergraduate Scholars Forum. Presentations must represent high quality work that goes beyond the typical classroom assignment and must have a faculty sponsor who will attest to the quality of the work. Research done in collaboration with faculty, other students, or practicing professionals is eligible as long as the student has played a substantial role in the activity.

Student presentations are accepted in these formats:

Oral Paper Presentation - Each paper presentation may be 20 minutes in length, including time for questions. This paper format is ideal for work that is in more advanced stages of completion since it allows for the presentation of a research or creative project with research results, if available.

Poster Presentation - Students display their research on a tri-fold poster and discuss their work with visitors during the time period reserved for the poster display.

Business Case Competition - New to conference presenters in 2008 is an option to participate by presenting business cases either in a competitive setting as part of the business competition or a noncompetitive forum.

-Undergraduates receive a copy of the business case from the IUP Department of Management (contact Joette.Wisnieski@iup.edu).

-Undergraduates engage in primary and secondary research to create and present their own business cases (contact Joette.Wisnieski@iup.edu)

Performance/Exhibit - Undergraduate students in the creative arts may participate in the conference with visual art installations, literary readings, or performances. Performances/Presentations may be 20 minutes in length including questions. Musical performances will take place in Cogswell Hall.

Undergraduate Juried Art Exhibit - Undergraduate students interested in participating in the juried art exhibit should contact Ali Pate (A.L.Pate@iup.edu). Applications for the Undergraduate Juried Art Exhibit are available on the Forum's website.

Proposal Submission Guidelines:

Proposals must be submitted online at <http://www.iup.edu/undergradscholars> from January 21, 2008 until February 17, 2008.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL LATE SUBMISSIONS BE ACCEPTED!

Students must complete all information requested in the online submission form. Some of the information requested includes:

Student presenters' contact information:

Please note that ONLY IUP e-mail addresses will be accepted. Students who list non-IUP e-mail addresses in their contact information will not receive important information about their presentation. You are responsible for monitoring your IUP e-mail account for important information related to your presentation.

In cases where more than one student is doing the presentation, please note that the name listed first will be considered to be the "lead" presenter. The lead presenter will receive information about the presentation. It is the responsibility of the "lead" presenter to make sure all co-presenters receive this important presentation information.

Title of Presentation

Abstract of 150 words or less

Your abstract should summarize the presentation and be free of grammatical and spelling errors. Abstracts will not be edited by Undergraduate Scholars Forum personnel. Your abstracts will be printed in the final program as it appears in the proposal submission.

Name and IUP email address of sponsoring faculty

Faculty members must review and approve your presentation information prior to submitting it to Forum organizers.

Human Subjects in Research

Please note that if your research involves human subjects, you must obtain IRB approval before beginning any research activities. See: <http://www.iup.edu/graduate/irb> for more information.

For more information contact:

Undergrad-scholars@iup.edu or <http://www.iup.edu/undergradscholars>