

# The Graduate School

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## Purpose

With the Graduate Student Research and Project Showcase, the Graduate School seeks to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of graduate students to the UL Lafayette scholarly community by providing graduate students with the opportunity to showcase their research, projects, and original works. Held during Graduate Student Appreciation Week,

Posters should be mounted on foam board or other sturdy backing so that it can easily stand on a tripod easel. The tripod easel *will* be provided while foam boards *are not* typically provided.

Posters should not have attachments that pose a hazard to viewers, should not interfere with passersby, and should not include handouts.

Participants must arrive 20 minutes prior to their designated time to sign in and set up for the poster competition.

All participants are required to be present for the entire time of their assigned exhibition time to answer any questions for judges and visitors. Exceptions to this rule are only granted in advance by the Showcase Coordinator.

If registering as part of a group project for the poster competition, at least one group member is required to be present during the entire presentation time to answer any questions for judges and visitors, though all group members are encouraged to be present.

Students will have 5-10 minutes to present their research poster, after which judges or viewers can ask questions.

### Paper Competition Guidelines

Papers must be submitted no later than **Tuesday, April 1** via submission form through the Graduate School website.

Papers will be judged according to clarity and organization, originality and innovation, research and argumentation, significance and impact, and presentation and writing quality.

Paper length should not exceed 25 pages inclusive of any notes when possible, with bibliographies present when