

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual ESC Student Research Forum

Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024

**Location:** Rozsa Lobby

**Schedule:**

- 12 pm luncheon and poster set-up
- 1-3 pm poster forum
- 3-3:30 pm awards presentation and dessert

The ESC Student Research Forum is open to students conducting **research related to ecology and the environment**. Participants will give a **poster presentation** providing an opportunity to showcase their research and practice presenting for future scientific meetings. Students are encouraged to present regardless of their project status, including preliminary data or even research proposals.

The Forum is **open to both graduate and undergraduate students**. There will be **cash prizes** for presenters with one Grand Prize and one or more Merit Awards in both the graduate and undergraduate divisions. Each student may make only one presentation, but may be included as a co-author on other posters.

To participate, submit an abstract formatted according to the guidelines on the following page.

**Abstract Deadline: Friday, Feb. 2nd**

We will also hold a poster-making workshop prior to the forum where students can learn how to create better posters. We will provide **free pizza!**

**Poster Workshop: Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 4-5:30pm in Forestry Bldg. Rm. 144.**

Direct questions and submit abstracts to ESC Manager, Jeff Henquinet ([jwhenqui@mtu.edu](mailto:jwhenqui@mtu.edu)).



# Abstract Guidelines

**Deadline:** Friday, Feb. 2nd

**Submission:** Submit abstracts electronically to ESC Manager, Jeff Henquinet ([jwhenqui@mtu.edu](mailto:jwhenqui@mtu.edu))

## Formatting:

1. File type should be DOCX. The abstract file should be labeled as follows
  - For graduate students: "Yourlastname\_SRF\_Grad\_2023.docx"
  - For undergraduate students: "Yourlastname\_SRF\_Undergrad\_2023.docx"
2. Formatting: Font of 12 point Times New Roman. Margins should be set at 1" on all edges.
3. The abstract should summarize the work to be presented. It should be descriptive and not contain tables, figures, references, acknowledgments, grant support, etc. The abstract of completed research should include brief descriptions of the problem, primary method, result(s) and conclusions. Abstract of proposed research should include brief descriptions of the problem, methods or approach planned, and expected results and conclusions.
4. The following structure must be followed:

Paragraph 1: Title, AUTHOR(S)<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Affiliation(s)

Title is to be "initial capital" format (i.e., The Rain in Spain Falls Mainly on the Plain) All author names are CAPITALIZED with presenter as first author; please spell out first names. Affiliations should include the name of the institution only.

Paragraph 2: Abstract text

The **275 word maximum** abstract text should begin on the line immediately following Paragraph 1 with no space or break. The first line is to be indented three (3) spaces. Use full line justification. If abbreviations are used, they should be defined at time of first usage.

### *Sample Abstract Format:*

Investigating Methods of Skunk Control. JOE B. SKUNKADOBI<sup>1</sup> & MICKEL E. MAX<sup>2</sup>,  
<sup>1</sup>Michigan Technological University, <sup>2</sup>Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Skunks can be a nuisance when their territories overlap with those of humans and domestic animals. We investigated three methods of skunk control in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Each method was employed...