



12th Annual ESC Student Research Forum

Sponsored by the Ecosystem Science Center

The 12th Annual ESC Student Research Forum will be held on the afternoon of **Friday, April 7th, 2017** in the atrium of the UJ Noblet Forestry Building with refreshments provided by the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science. Graduate and undergraduate students conducting research related to ecology and the environment will have the opportunity to present their work in a poster presentation providing students an opportunity to see what others are doing, showcase their research, and practice for poster sessions at regional or national meetings.

Students are encouraged to present advanced or preliminary research. Undergraduate researchers are welcome to participate in a separate division. The posters will remain on display for the following two weeks.

Cash prizes will include one Grand Prize and several Merit Awards for the graduate division and one grand prize for the undergrad division. Each student may present only one paper but may be included as a co-author on others. Abstracts will be compiled in a program and made available electronically prior to the forum.

The abstract format should follow the guidelines outlined on page 2 of this notice. All abstracts should be submitted electronically as an attachment in MS Word with the file labeled as follows "Yourlastname_SRF_2017".

Questions and abstracts may be directed to the ESC Director: Andrew Burton (ajburton@mtu.edu)

Timeline of events:

Wed, Mar 22nd, 2017: Abstracts due electronically by noon.

Fri, Feb 26th 2017: Poster Workshop led by Molly Cavaleri in G002 Noblet

Wed, Apr 5th, 2017: Posters should be displayed by noon for judging

Fri, Apr 7th, 2017: Student Research Forum **3:00–5pm** UJ Noblet Atrium

Pizza Social 5-7pm following forum

Abstract Format

1. Submit your abstracts in MS Word format via email to ajburton@mtu.edu by March 22nd, 2017 by noon. Do not exceed 275 words.
2. The subject line of the email must include your name + SRF abstract. The file with abstract should be labeled as follows Yourlastname_SRF_G_2017.docx if you are a grad student and Yourlastname_SRF_U_2017.docx if you are an undergraduate student.
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, methods, results and conclusions. Abstract of proposed research should include brief descriptions of the problem, methods or approach planned, and expected results and conclusions.
4. Type size of the abstract should be 12 point Times New Roman.
5. Margins should be set at 1" on all edges.
6. The following format must be followed:

Paragraph 1: Title, AUTHOR(S)¹, ¹Affiliation(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 name of institution only.

Paragraph 2: Abstract text

The 275 word 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:

Methods of Skunk Control. JOE B. SKUNKADOBI¹ & MICKEL E. MAX², ¹Michigan Technological University, ²Oak 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 etc...

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