



Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities

CURO

International
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2008



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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities at the University of Georgia enjoys a strategic partnership with the Universidad de Costa Rica in San Jose, Costa Rica, which encourages students from our institutions to present original research and creative works sponsored by faculty members at a four day symposium at the University of Georgia campus in San Luis. In order for UGA students to be eligible they must be an Honors student in good standing or have received support for undergraduate research through a CURO Apprenticeship or a CURO Summer Fellowship. Applicants must also submit an abstract for research presentation at the annual statewide CURO Symposium in 2008. Students from Universidad de Costa Rica will be selected by designated individuals at that institution and forwarded to CURO for funding.

Presentations may be in the form of an oral presentation, poster session, exhibition, performance, or work of art. Undergraduate researchers who are at various stages of the research process are encouraged to submit abstracts describing where they are in the research process and the issues they face. **Those who wish to present their work should submit a cover letter explaining the significance of their research to their academic and professional goals; an abstract of a maximum of 250 words; and a brief supporting letter from the sponsoring faculty member to the CURO office (203 Moore College, Athens, GA 30602) no later than Friday, February 29, 2008.** All participants accepted into the Symposium will be notified by March 7, 2008, and their abstracts will be published in a book of abstracts. Twelve students from the University of Georgia and twelve students from the University of Costa Rica will be selected. Students are not required to be bilingual in order to participate. Funding will be provided for travel, housing, and symposium costs. Sponsoring faculty will be invited to preside at their students' sessions; however, funding is not available through CURO.

Purpose of the Symposium

- To highlight excellence in research by undergraduate students
- To provide a forum for undergraduates to communicate and disseminate their research findings and creative works
- To provide an opportunity for undergraduate researchers at the University of Georgia and the University of Costa Rica to engage with their peer researchers
- To increase undergraduate student curiosity about research and creative works seasoned by cross-cultural perspectives
- To develop appreciation for the broader contexts of research, researchers, disciplinary and cultural traditions, ethical issues, significance of research and creative works, application and implications of research.
- To develop new intellectual and scholarly relationships among people, disciplines, institutions, cultures, and countries
- Develop new horizons and opportunities for international perspectives of undergraduates.

Criteria for Selection

- Originality and quality of research
- Quality of written abstract
- Ethical and responsible research
- Extent of the undergraduate student's involvement in development of the research design and execution of the project. Research presented at the Symposium should go beyond work completed for a class paper or project
- A letter of support from supervising faculty

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