East Texas Research Conference 2020
"Making Communities Stronger"

Call for Abstracts
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Overview

The East Texas Research Conference (ETRC) promotes meaningful engagement between researchers, community members, and philanthropic organizations to make East Texas communities stronger.

The University of Texas at Tyler (UT Tyler), The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Jarvis Christian College, and Texas College invite you to submit an abstract and take advantage of an opportunity to present your work at the second East Texas Research Conference to be held April 3, 2020 to be held on the UT Tyler campus.

Important Dates

Monday, January 6, 2020   Abstract Submission Opens
Friday, February 16, 2020   Abstract Submission Deadline – 11:59 pm CST
Friday, February 28, 2020   Author Notification
Friday, April 3, 2020   Conference

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The East Texas Research Conference program addresses challenges facing the East Texas region and research being done to address these challenges. Abstracts covering basic and applied science, community engagement, and health-promoting projects relevant to East Texas communities are eligible for submission. Faculty, staff and students from area institutions of higher education as well as East Texans working "to make communities stronger" are invited to submit an abstract.

Categories of Presentations

Abstract submissions will be accepted for the following categories of presentations.

Oral presentations. Presenters in this category will give a 15-minute oral/slide presentation followed by five minutes reserved for questions. Faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to submit abstracts for oral presentations. Presentations will be grouped by topic based on submitted abstracts. Researchers are expected to present their research in lay terms, focusing on the relationship of their research to the challenges faced by East Texas Communities.

Abstracts from presenters representing community groups/organizations should contain:
   a) An overview of the major impact the organization is having on the community,
   b) Types of data collected by the organization or available to the organization, and
   c) The organization's view on the potential for research to improve their outcomes
   d) List of at least 3 keywords related to the presentation

Abstracts from researchers should contain:
   a) An overview of the goals, methods, results and conclusions of the research
   b) Relationship of the research to East Texas,
   c) List of at least 3 keywords related to the research

<u>Poster Presentations</u>. Presenters in this category will present their work during a poster session. Maximum size of posters is 48 inches wide by 36 inches tall. Students are encouraged to submit abstracts for the poster session. Student abstracts will be judged and authors of the top three abstracts will receive an award and offered an opportunity to present a 5-minute oral/slide presentation of their research. Research described in posters should be presented in technical terms.

Abstracts for poster presentations should contain:
   a) An overview of goals of the research
   b) Project design
   c) Methods, results and conclusions

Abstract Instructions/Guidelines for Oral Presentations and Poster Presentations

1) Title
   a) Character limit: 250 characters, excluding spaces
   b) Use mixed case letters (do not use all caps or all lowercase) – example: This Is a Properly Formatted Abstract Title
   c) Do not put a period at the end of the title

2) Authors
   a) List all authors and co-authors
   b) List authors' and co-authors' names as they want them to appear. You cannot change them after submission deadline
   c) Provide authors' and co-authors' affiliations
   d) Only one author may present the abstract at the conference

3) Category of presentation: indicate either oral presentation or poster presentation

4) Body
   a) Character limit: 1,500 characters excluding spaces
   b) References in the abstract body will be included in the character limit
   c) Abstracts exceeding the character limit will be ineligible for review
   d) Define special or unusual abbreviations the first time they are used
   e) Follow the guidance for the category of presentation selected above

5) Abstract Font, Spacing and Margin Requirements
   a) Use Arial or Times New Roman fonts at a font size of 11 points or larger
   b) A font size of less than 10 points may be used for mathematical formulas or equations and when using a Symbol font to insert Greek Letters or special characters, however text must still be readable.
   c) No more than six lines of text within a vertical space of one inch
   d) Margins, in all directions, must be at least an inch and may not include any proposer-supplied information.

Submitting an Abstract to the East Texas Research Conference
   • By submitting your abstract, you agree to present the abstract if it is selected for presentation during an oral or poster presentation at the East Texas Research Conference.
   • All abstracts must be submitted as an attachment to an email to research@uttyler.edu
   • You may revise your submitted abstract by submitting a revised version by the deadline – subject line of email should indicate that you are submitting a revision of your abstract.