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The Twenty-Third Annual California State University Student Research Competition will be held May 1 and 2, 2009, at California State University, Los Angeles. This system-wide competition will showcase excellent research conducted by CSU undergraduate and graduate students in the full range of academic programs offered by the CSU. Student participants will make oral presentations before juries of professional experts from major corporations, foundations, public agencies, colleges and universities in California.

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PURPOSE

The competition is held to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate scholarly research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments throughout the twenty-three campuses of the California State University.

WHO MAY APPLY

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at any CSU campus, as well as alumni/alumnae who received their degrees in spring, summer, or fall 2008, are eligible. The research presented should be appropriate to the student's discipline and career goals. Proprietary research is excluded. Presentations from all disciplines are invited. There will be separate undergraduate and graduate divisions for each of the following categories (unless a division has fewer than four entrants, in which case undergraduate and graduate divisions will be combined). The California State University, East Bay steering committee reserves the right to adjust categories as numbers of submissions necessitate. The ten categories are as follows:

- Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Biological and Agricultural Sciences
- Business, Economics, and Public Administration
- Creative Arts and Design (creative projects are welcome—see "Competition Guidelines")
- Education
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences
- Humanities and Letters
- Physical and Mathematical Sciences
- Interdisciplinary

A campus delegation may include up to ten entries in the ten categories. (A small team of students making a single presentation counts as a single entry.)

HOW TO APPLY

Interested California State University, East Bay students should apply by submitting the following:

I. Five printouts of a written summary of the research project, plus one pdf version emailed to APGSStudentServices@csueastbay.edu. The rules governing this written summary are as follows:

- Each copy must include the name(s) of the student(s) and the title of the presentation.
- The narrative may not exceed five doubled-spaced pages. Use fonts and margins that ensure legibility.
- Appendices (bibliography, graphs, photographs, or other supplementary materials) may not exceed three pages.

II. One printout of a completed Student Delegate Registration Form, plus one pdf version emailed to APGSStudentServices@csueastbay.edu.

The forms and papers must arrive to the CSUEB's Academic Programs and Graduate Studies (APGS) Student Services office in Warren Hall room 877 by **March 2 at 5:00pm**. Materials will not be returned. The CSUEB faculty Committee on Research will review all research projects and select the 10 students to represent CSUEB at this competition. We will notify applicants in writing of the results by the middle of March. Only those students selected by the Faculty Committee on Research can enter this statewide competition.

COMPETITION SITE

CSU East Bay's Hayward Campus is located in the East Bay hills. It commands a spectacular view of San Francisco Bay below and to the west. Founded in 1957, the University now enrolls 13,500 students at its campuses in Hayward and Concord. As is true of the CSU as a whole, the University is culturally very diverse, with 37 percent of its students identifying themselves as Asian American, 32 percent as white, 14 percent as African American, and 13 percent as Latino.

CSU East Bay offers baccalaureate degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Fine Arts) in 48 fields and master's degrees (Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Business Administration, or Master of Public Administration) in 31 fields. The campus is also one of the first in the CSU to offer the independent Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. Alumni include California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, Hall of Fame baseball player Joe Morgan, and Cecil Pickett, President of Schering-Plough Research Institute.

For more information about CSU East Bay, please visit www.csueastbay.edu.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Students will present their work orally before a jury and an audience. Students will compete by discipline category and, where feasible, by class standing (undergraduate/graduate), as described above in "Who May Apply." Each student will have ten minutes for an oral presentation of his or her work and five minutes to listen and respond to juror and audience questions. All entrants may use audiovisual materials as appropriate, and presenters are encouraged to use delivery techniques that promote interaction with the audience. Entrants in the Creative Arts and Design category may present an audio and/or visual record of a performance they have given or a work they have created; their oral presentation should focus on the rationale and historical context underlying their interpretation of the material.

Each entry (oral presentation plus written summary) will be judged on the following:

- Clarity of purpose - 15%
- Appropriateness of methodology - 15%
- Interpretation of results - 15%
- Value of the research or creative activity - 15%
- Ability of the presenter to articulate the research or creative activity - 15%
- Organization of the material presented - 15%
- Presenter's ability to handle questions from the jury and general audience - 10%

AWARDS

Based on the recommendations of the jurors, cash awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions of each category. If the undergraduate and graduate divisions of a category have been combined because there are fewer than four presenters in one division, awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up without regard to class standing.

QUESTIONS

Questions should be directed to the CSUEB's Academic Programs and Graduate Studies Student Services office by calling 510-885-3286, emailing APGSstudentservices@csueastbay.edu, or visiting Warren Hall Room 877.