



Science Influencers Annual Research Symposium

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Guidelines

Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU) programs enhance students' communications skills. REEU participants can share their internship experiences and communications skills through the [Annual Research Symposium](#). This **Call for Proposals** for posters or oral presentations is open to all currently active REEU students.

Rules

1. Proposals must represent REEU students' original work.
2. Students may submit more than one proposal.
3. **Proposal Due: Friday, February 20, 2026, 5 p.m. (CST)** ([Submit Online](#))
4. **Presentation Materials Due: Friday, February 27, 2026, 5 p.m. (CST)**
5. 5th Annual Research Symposium is **Thursday, March 5, 2026, 12:30-4 p.m. (CST)**

Proposal Types (see [previous examples](#))

- **Video:** Pre-recorded videos (~3 minutes/video) provide an overview of the internship; describe what and where it occurred, and present outcomes of the internship; watch "[How to tell one good research story](#)" for tips to produce exciting scientific/research videos.
- **Live:** Live presentations focus on outcomes and applications of lessons learned from the internship.

Formats

- **500-word** limit (excluding title and references). Suggested headings include:
 - Project title, student name, institution, email address, and ~5 keywords
 - Introduction or Background
 - Methods or Procedures
 - Findings or Discussion
 - Summary or Conclusions
 - References or Sources

Prizes

- **Video:** People's Choice Awards: 1st Place, \$100; 2nd Place, \$75; 3rd Place, \$50.
- **Live:** Audience Choice Awards: 1st Place, \$100; 2nd Place, \$75; 3rd Place, \$50.

Presentations

- The Annual Research Symposium is a virtual event held in real time.
 - Presentations must be in distraction-free settings (university or living spaces).
- Appropriate dress, language, and interaction are expected from all presenters.
 - **Live:** Oral/Poster presentations are ~5 minutes plus ~5 minutes for Q/A.
 - **Video:** Pre-recorded videos should be ~3 minutes.
- Presentations should:
 - Begin with an appropriate self-introduction.
 - Briefly introduce the internship organization, location, and field supervisor.
 - Describe professional and personal changes from the internship.
 - Explain how internship experiences can be applied to a future career.

Questions can be sent to: Dr. Holli Leggette (hollileggette@tamu.edu)