

Undergraduate Research Symposium FAQ

General Questions

Q: Why are abstracts due a month before the event?

The UROP team will review your submission and provide feedback if necessary. If your research is not complete, post what you can by the submission date, April 26th. You can update it later. If you do not receive feedback about your abstract, you do not need to make any changes.

Q: Can I change the way my name is displayed?

Yes. All names were copied exactly as they were submitted to the participation form. All caps, all lower case, and other mistakes are bound to happen. If you find an error or want to use another version of your name email Michelle Foley, avilesm@uci.edu.

Q: I don't see a submit button on my profile.

If you are using IE/Edge try a different browser. If you encounter the same problem in a different browser, email a screenshot to Michelle Foley, avilesm@uci.edu.

Q: Can I change the title of my project?

Yes, email the updated title to Michelle Foley, avilesm@uci.edu. Please indicate whether you are an oral or poster presenter. If you are part of a group, copy your group mates on the email.

Q: I am part of a group presentation. How can I add/change names associated with the project?

Email the updated information to Michelle Foley, avilesm@uci.edu. Please include the title of the project and whether it is an oral or poster presentation

Q: I missed the deadline to upload my abstract, what can I do?

Post the information to your profile as soon as possible. You may receive messaging reminding you to submit.

Oral Presenters

Q: Where do I post my abstract?

Those doing oral presentations should paste their abstract into the box labeled "Bio" on their profile immediately below your bio. Remember to include a short bio, approximately 3-5 sentences. It should consist of your major, expected graduation date, and your intentions after graduating.

Q: Can I change the title on my profile?

Yes

Q: Do I need to include social media links?

No. That is optional.

Q: I used one of the social media templates offered by Whova, and the title included is different than the title of my project.

The title included on social media posts is the sub-session you are in for your presentation. If you look at the [agenda](#), you will see approximately 16 sub-session titles for each Oral Session. When you click on the name of a sub-session, you will see the project titles and names of presenters.

Q: The sub-session in which I am presenting does not seem like a match for my research. Can I change?

Project presentations were grouped by category. Some categories have a major title, and others have a theme. Looking at the other presentation titles in your category may help clarify the categorization. Open the [agenda](#) and click on the name of your sub-session to review the other titles. If you still believe it is not a fit for your research topic, email Michelle Foley, avilesm@uci.edu. Please include the name of your project, the session/sub-session you are currently in, and the sub-session to which you would like to move. We will do our best to accommodate your request, but please note a change may not be possible.

Q: How do I know what time I am presenting?

At this time, you have been assigned to Oral Session or Oral Session 2. The exact order of presentation will be assigned and sent to you by the Monday before the event, May 17th at the latest.

Q: Can I leave when my presentation is over?

Presenters **are expected to stay with their group for the entirety of the 90-minute session**. Everyone is encouraged to also participate in other activities that are happening throughout the day.

Poster Presenters

Q: What should I use as a cover photo?

Your cover photo is displayed next to your project title on the Whova platform. It can be anything you feel represents your research. This is an opportunity to create a bit of relatability or recognition with people viewing posters. Are there symbols or elements that represent an aspect of your research? Think about things you have seen in textbooks or other research studies. You may also want to ask your mentor if they have any suggestions. To view posters log into the [Whova website](#), not the app, and go to the Posters section of the platform (far left-hand column).

Q: When I load my abstract and cover photo to my poster profile, do I have to click the submit button?

Yes, you do need to click submit. If you do not, your information will not be saved. You can add information to your profile at any time and as many times as needed.

Q: How do I know if the information I posted is saved?

Log into the [Whova website](#), not the app, and go to the Posters section of the platform. Search for your name. Click on the title of your project to view what you have loaded.

Q: Why isn't my name included on the agenda?

Posters have a dedicated section on Whova. To view posters, log into the [Whova website](#), not the app, and go to the Posters section of the platform.

Q: What time is my poster presentation?

Posters are accessible to all attendees at any time. Attendees can watch your video, view your abstract, view your poster, and submit questions directly to you on the platform. As a poster presenter, you will be assigned a 15-minute time slot between 1:20pm and 2:50pm for Q&A. Further instructions will be provided soon.

Q: The poster profile has a space for a website. What do I put there?

This is optional. If you have a personal website or if your lab has a website that includes your research add a link to your poster profile. Otherwise, you can leave the field blank.