NASA-SPACE Day

Call for Abstracts

NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium (WVSGC) is holding its first NASA-SPACE Day on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College on Saturday, October 11th, 2014. The goal of this event is to engage the broad community in science and space exploration through various science competitions as well as to provide a forum for WV college students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to present the results of their NASA-sponsored research in a poster competition. All NASA funded awardees and students who have benefited from NASA programs such as **Student Partnership for the Advancement of Cosmic Exploration (SPACE)**, undergraduate and graduate fellowships, and internships are eligible to participate.

NASA WVSGC is calling for students to submit an abstract of their research in order to enter the poster competition at NASA-SPACE Day. A monetary award will be given to the top poster presentations. Students selected to participate in the poster presentation will have their travel costs and accommodations reimbursed by NASA WVSGC.

General Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Include your research title and abstract (1-2 paragraph synopsis) – explain the work that was performed in plain language. Discuss the importance of the work to science and society (i.e., what larger problem were you trying to solve or understand?). Please keep in mind that your narrative statement is intended for individuals who may not be experts in your field.

For those students who intend to use a poster previously presented at a disciplinary meeting, the abstract submitted for this event may be different from the one appearing on your poster.

Once you have been selected to participate in the poster presentation, further details will be provided (poster template, travel costs, hotel, etc.).

Dates and Deadlines

- The deadline to submit an abstract is <u>Friday, September 19th, 2014</u>.
- Students selected for participation will be notified no later than <u>Monday, September 22nd, 2014</u>.
- The event is on <u>Saturday, October 11th, 2014</u>.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there still time to submit an abstract?

YES. The deadline is Friday, September 19th, 2014 at 11:59 pm.

2. How do I submit an abstract?

Abstract submissions will only be accepted by e-mail to Nancy Cassis, cassis@nasa.wvu.edu. Students should complete the submission information (see "Submitting Your Application" section at the end of this document) in its entirety, making sure to list their advisor's proper e-mail in the appropriate field. An e-mail will be sent to their advisor requesting their approval.

3. How will my abstract be selected?

Selection will depend on the quality of the project, the readability of the abstract, the geographical distribution of the participants and the diversity of the subject matter presented in the abstracts submitted.

4. May a student be a presenter on more than one poster?

No. Students may coauthor more than one poster, but may be a presenter on only one (i.e. your name can appear on multiple posters, but you may only be listed in the abstract booklet for one).

5. How many coauthors are allowed on the poster?

You may have as many coauthors on the poster as you deem appropriate. The limit is on the number of students that may be presenters at the event.

6. Is there any reimbursement for travel expenses?

Yes. Students accepted to attend the poster presentation will be reimbursed for their travel expenses. Students traveling over two hours will be offered overnight accommodations near West Virginia Wesleyan College.

7. How do I get to West Virginia Wesleyan College?

Attached map.

8. Is it possible to include graphics in my abstract?

Yes, but it will result in a significant reduction in the number of words you are permitted to have in your abstract. The abstract booklets are printed in 12 point Times New Roman font. Each line of text is approximately 10 words in length. Thus, a one inch tall figure will result in the loss of about 60 words. Contact Nancy Cassis at cassis@nasa.wvu.edu for specifics. Abstract graphics will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

9. Is submitting posters with incomplete results permitted?

Yes, but you should be certain that the work will be completed in time. If your work is not sufficiently complete at the time of submission, your mentor should discuss this in his/her email approval.

10. Do presenters need to be a resident of West Virginia?

No.

11. Is my university permitted to set up a display?

No. Only posters by students are permitted. University affiliation may be demonstrated by choosing your school's colors for the display colors on the poster and by placing your school's logo on the poster. If your University would like to have a booth at the event, have them contact our office.

Submitting Your Application

Please email your abstracts to Nancy Cassis at cassis@nasa.wvu.edu. Include the following information:

Submission Information

- Student Name
- College or University
- Research Title and Abstract (1-2 paragraph synopsis)
- Advisor's Name and Contact Information (email and phone contact)
- Do you need hotel accommodations on Friday, October 10th, 2014?
- Do you have a vehicle to travel from your home institution? If so, would you be willing to carpool with other students?
- Will you need a foam board for your poster?
- Will you need a tripod? Table? Electric outlet?

Contact Information

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