

**2010 College of Liberal Arts
Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference
Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the purpose of the conference?

The Undergraduate Student Research and Creativity Conference provides undergraduate liberal arts majors the opportunity to present their recent academic work, and encourages greater interdisciplinary research within the College of Liberal Arts. Presenters receive valuable feedback from the wider university community, and can add an impressive entry to their resumes.

Who can participate in the conference?

Since the conference is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the presenters must be undergraduate liberal arts majors (or education majors with a liberal arts focus). Conference attendance is open to anyone. The conference committee invites students, faculty, and members of the tri-states community to come see the excellent work being produced at Marshall University.

How long does a presentation need to be?

Each presentation should be approximately 15 minutes long, followed by a 5 minute question and answer period. Special panels and group presentations can be modified accordingly.

How do I sign up to participate?

Complete application forms are available below:
<http://www.marshall.edu/cola/urconference/application.asp>

Follow the directions for submitting a proposal and the committee will contact you as soon as possible.

What types of presentations will be allowed?

The committee will consider a variety of research and creative projects. For your presentation, you might:

- Present your research and conclusions from a class project;
- Display and present a poster on a topic you have researched;
- Teach others a skill or about something that you have learned;
- Facilitate a roundtable discussion on an issue you have researched;
- Speak persuasively about an issue you have studied or researched;

- Present on a book you have read and provide your evaluation of the book;
- Share a piece of creative writing (short story, poem, creative nonfiction) and explain what influenced its development;
- Present on the experience from your internship, study abroad, or other experience and show how it applied to what you learned in a class.

If you need suggestions on possible topics for a presentation, speak with a faculty mentor.

Can I present at more than one session?

If scheduling permits, you may present your work in two separate sessions (or in the poster session). Please fill out an application for each presentation, and note on each that you would like your presentations scheduled at separate times

Where can I find out more about the conference?

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact Dr. Marybeth Beller, Department of Political Science: beller@marshall.edu

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