The CSU, Chico Student Research Competition gives students the opportunity to develop their presentation and communication skills while showcasing their scholarly and creative achievements. Students present their work before a panel of judges; winners advance to the statewide CSU Research Competition where they will compete against other outstanding scholars in the California State University system.

The 2020 CSU, Chico Student Research Competition will be held Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at CSU, Chico as well as alumni/alumnae who received their degrees in spring, summer, or fall 2019 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. 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” below)
- Education
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences
- Humanities and Letters
- Interdisciplinary

The CSU, Chico steering committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide these categories or to move an entrant from one category to another, as numbers of submissions necessitate.

Research proposals may be single-authored or co-authored by two or more students, but each student participant must fill out the student application with demographic and contact information.
APPLICATION

Please submit your student application along with your written summary to the Office of Graduate Studies, Student Services Center 460 by Wednesday, February 26, 2020. The rules governing the written summary are as follows:

- The summary 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.
- Research that has human or animal subjects’ involvement must have appropriate institutional review.
- It is expected that the student will not make an oral presentation by simply reading directly from this summary.

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 “Eligibility.” 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 the 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 rational 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 – 20%
- Interpretation of results – 20%
- Value of the research or creative activity – 15%
- Ability of the presenter to articulate the research or creative activity – 10%
- Organization of the material presented – 10%
- Presenter’s ability to handle questions from the jury and general audience – 10%
STATEWIDE COMPETITION

The local CSUC completion is a “feeder” event to the CSU 34th Annual Statewide Competition to be held in the late spring at a CSU campus to be determined. Lodging and travel expenses are funded through the Office of Graduate Studies and IRA funds.

QUESTIONS

Questions should be directed to Rosemary White, CSU, Chico campus assistant by email at rwhite@csuchico.edu or telephone 530-898-5413.