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SYMPOSIUM 2012 APPLICATION/FORM INSTRUCTIONS

This document is designed to aid applicants with questions he/she may have while completing the applications and forms for the URN Symposium.

This document includes clarifications and other details that may help an applicant.

This document also is a collection of all instructions for application and forms.

Application Part I (Student Entry Form/Project Information)

- Remember that EACH student (if a group project) MUST submit this form individually
- The student entry form is self-explanatory. Please fill out ALL information completely
- For “Field of Research”, you may give a generic answer (ex: biology) and/or even a specific answer (ex: biology/immunology)
 - Both generic & specific field of research is preferred.
- “Preferred Category”
 - The Symposium currently offers two categories – Sciences and Humanities
 - Please choose the category you think you would best belong in
 - All final category decisions are made by the URN Symposium Committee

Application Part II (Trial Presentations)

- All applicants must fill this form of available times as best as possible

Sign-up for Trial Presentations

If the abstract submitted is approved in the first round of selections, applicants will be REQUIRED to participate in trial presentations. Applicants must prepare 13 – 16 minute PowerPoint and oral presentations of their research to present to the URN committee before final selection to participate in the Symposium.

Photographic Release Form

- Remember that EACH student (if a group project) MUST submit this form individually
- The photo release form is self-explanatory. This will give URN the rights to take photographs during the Symposium and we may post the photograph online.

Abstract Form – Instructions

There are two abstract forms you MUST submit.

- Section I of this Abstract Form: Lay Abstract
- Section II of this Abstract Form: Technical Abstract

Section I – the Lay Abstract (~350 Words)

Any research done is about expanding or discovering new knowledge or new idea in your specific field of study. Your research may be in biology, physics, economics, or even English.

Because each field of research has its own “technical jargon, terminology, and other specific terms and information”, it is sometimes hard for a non-expert layperson to understand your research and its results and significance in its raw form.

Therefore, the Lay Abstract is an abstract designed for non-scientific/non-expertise layperson. We ask for you to write a lay abstract because URN believes that communicating your research and its significance to the public is a very important component of doing research.

This abstract should be written at an eighth grade reading level.

Section II – the Technical Abstract (Scientific/Field-Specific Abstract) (~350 Words)

The technical abstract is the abstract you would submit to a field specific journal.