

## **9th Annual ADVS Student Research Symposium Overview** **August 12, 2020 – Utah State University**

Dear Colleagues,

The ADVS Student Research Symposium (ADVS SRS) organizing committee would like to provide an update on the format of our meeting this year. We have outlined the details below. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

**Program overview.** We will have an abbreviated virtual program this year (approximately 4 hours long).

**Presentations.** We are planning to have 10 oral presentations (10 minutes long + 3 minutes for questions) and 29 mini-presentations (4-5 minutes long).

### **Delivery:**

- We will use Canvas as our delivery platform for the recorded mini-presentations and Zoom for the live broadcast presentations (see details below).
- To make things flow better in an online environment the organizing committee decided to change the poster & flash talk presentations to mini-oral presentations.
- Recorded mini-presentations: students will be asked to create the recordings from their computers using Zoom and upload an MP4 file (video + audio) of their presentation in Canvas under assignments by August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.
- Oral presentations: students will deliver their oral presentations from AGRS 101. These presentations will be broadcasted live via Zoom. We will make sure to follow all COVID19 procedures. Social distancing will be observed and everyone in the room will wear a face mask. There will be only the organizing committee members, an IT person, and 1-2 students at any given time in AGRS 101 (8-9 people maximum). We will ask students to get there 5-10 minutes before their presentation and leave the room immediately after their presentation is over. Students delivering live oral presentations will have to upload their PowerPoint slides to Canvas by August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.
- Abstracts (Word file) must be uploaded to Canvas by August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

**Judges.** Faculty, staff, and some graduate students will be asked to serve as judges. We encourage the judges to ask questions in the live presentations and to post questions and/or comments to the Canvas discussion board of the recorded mini-presentations.

**Participation.** We highly encourage active participation from students, faculty, and staff members. We will draw prizes in between some of the oral presentations.

**Guest Speaker.** We will have the assistant director of the USU Science Writing Center, Kendall Becker, come to talk to the students about the “The Manuscript Writing Process”. Kendall has helped many graduate students with their manuscripts in the science writing center.

**Communication.** Please visit our website for more details. We plan to keep the ADVS SRS website updated (<https://adv.susu.edu/srs/index>) and if there are major changes to our plans, we will send out an email to this group.

**Important information to students:**

- Check our website for the presentation format you were assigned to and for guidelines to prepare your abstracts and presentations.
- All submissions (abstracts, slides for oral presentations, and recordings of mini-presentations) must be done through our Canvas course: <https://usu.instructure.com/courses/612205>.
- You should have received an invitation to join the ADVS Student Research Symposium Canvas page. Make sure you join the course to upload your abstracts, recorded mini-presentation, or your slides for your oral presentation. Please let us know if you have not received the invitation.
- We have provided written instructions on how to use Zoom and create a recorded presentation. USU will have a Zoom license starting July 15<sup>th</sup>. From that date on, you can create a USU account (if you don't have a personal account yet) to generate your recording. Please let the organizing committee know if you need technical assistance.

**Important information to faculty and staff:**

- Please share this with your laboratory and/or research members in case they don't get this email.
- Make sure to RSVP by August 7<sup>th</sup> via the ADVS SRS website so we can include you on the Canvas page for access to the recorded mini-presentations and discussion boards.
- Try to actively participate in this event. We would like to provide the best possible experience for our students given the present circumstances.

**Important deadlines:**

- Abstract submission (Word file; docx): Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm
- Mini-presentation submission (MP4 file; mp4): Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm
- Slides for oral presentation submission (PowerPoint file; .pptx): Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm
- RSVP for ALL PARTICIPANTS: Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm (<https://adv.susu.edu/srs/index>)

Thank you for helping us make this event valuable to our students' training.

Sincerely,

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