

14th Annual

Student Research and Creative Activity Fair

March 4, 2022 – Milo Bail Student Center

The Student Research and Creative Activity Fair provides a venue for UNO students, undergraduate and graduate, to showcase their research and creative activity as demonstrations, exhibits, oral presentations, performances, and posters. All students from all disciplines and departments, including engineering students from the Scott campus, are encouraged to present. There will be prizes for top demonstrations/exhibits/posters and oral presentations/performances.

Format and Content

- Students may present their scholarly activity in the form of a demonstration/exhibit (10' x 10' maximum dimensions), oral presentation, performance, or poster.
- All formats will be judged for prizes.
- You may provide a 1-page handout to accompany your presentation.
- Works submitted must reflect original scholarship by the student.
- Presentations should be prepared for a general audience consisting of fellow students and the educated public. Technical jargon should be avoided.
- Students are strongly urged to confer with faculty advisors and to use disciplinary practice when developing presentation materials. They may also obtain feedback from peers to make appropriate revisions.
- Students are strongly encouraged to seek support from the UNO Writing Center and the UNO Speech Center when preparing their presentations.
- If you have received sponsorship for your scholarly activity, it is appropriate to acknowledge the sponsor(s), e.g., Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experiences (FUSE).
- Opportunities will be available to practice or rehearse in the presentation room before the Fair. We encourage you to work with your mentor to schedule this after we notify you of available dates and times.

Posters/Demonstrations/Exhibits

- Students must be at their demonstration, exhibit, or poster for the entire session in which they are scheduled.
- Presenters are expected to discuss their projects with the audience and judges during that time.
- Maximum width and height for posters are 4 feet x 4 feet. If the poster will exceed maximum width and height guidelines, please indicate specific dimensions on your registration form. Requests for variance from these parameters (e.g. multiple small posters) will be accommodated if possible.
- Use an appropriate size and typeface for your poster.
- Ensure that your name and project title are clearly identifiable on your poster.

- If you need a table, electrical outlet, computer, or monitor, please specify on the scheduling form in the “Special Requirements/Notes” section and provide as much detail as possible about your setup.
- Exhibit/Poster set-up details will be communicated prior to the Fair date.
- Students planning to have their posters printed by UNO’s Creative Production Lab in Criss Library [should be advised of submission](#) deadlines. These deadlines can be found on the [Creative Production Lab website](#). **ORCA does not pay to print student posters.**

Oral Presentations/Performances

- Each student will have 13 minutes (recommended 8-10 minutes, leaving 3-5 minutes for questions) to present and/or perform the results of their research or creative activity. The time limit will be enforced.
- To ensure that presentations and performances stay within the time limit, practice or rehearsal is encouraged.
- Standard electronic presentation tools will be available (computer, projector, PowerPoint, QuickTime, etc.).
- Use an appropriate size and typeface for your slides or other presentation materials.
- Presenters are responsible for providing a copy of their presentation slides on the day of the fair. (See the Abstracts section below for a way to ensure a copy is available that day).
- If your performance involves staging or props, please contact us to make arrangements at the time you receive notice of acceptance.
- We are happy to accommodate special needs for presentations and performances, including different locations and/or buildings (depending on the needs of the presenter/performer). Please email unoorca@unomaha.edu to discuss.
- **Slides/PowerPoint presentations must be sent to unoorca@unomaha.edu no later than February 21, 2022.** ORCA staff will put your slides on a USB drive with other presentations in the same timeframe to avoid technology and compatibility issues. You **do not** need to provide your own laptop or device for your presentation.

Judging

- Each presentation will be evaluated by community judges.
- Judges will be chosen from the Omaha community and will include business or non-profit professionals, UNO alumni, and other friends of UNO. They **will not** be specialists in an assigned discipline.

- Presentations and abstracts should be prepared for an educated lay audience.
 - Judges and other audience members will engage with you on the content of your presentation. Please be prepared to answer questions and provide more details beyond what is provided on your demonstration/exhibit or poster.
 - Though you may provide a 1-page handout to accompany your presentation, the judges are not required to review these handouts.
 - To aid in preparation, the Evaluation Form can be found on our [website](#).
 - Keep in mind that the Fair is a **showcase** of student scholarly activity at UNO. Not all meritorious projects will receive an award.

Registration and Abstracts

- Students interested in participating must complete the registration form available [here](#).
- Please note an abstract must be submitted at the time of registration. The abstract does NOT have to be the final version. Abstracts may be no more than 250 words and should be written for comprehension by an educated lay audience.
- **The registration deadline is 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 27, 2022**
- All participants must have a faculty advisor with whom they worked on the scholarly activity. Faculty advisor approval will be required for participation.
- Information for name tags, programs, and promotional materials will be taken directly from your registration form. Please provide accurate information and carefully check spelling and formatting.
- [Participants will be notified of acceptance by February 18, 2022](#)
- Scheduled presentation times will be communicated to participants by February 18, 2022.

Presentation Files

- Please check carefully for correct spelling and grammar.
- Submitting your presentation (slides or PowerPoint) file by **Monday, February 21, 2022**, will ensure access to that file on the day of the fair. Files must be emailed to unoorca@unomaha.edu with your full name, presentation title, and assigned time.
- Submission instructions will be communicated at the same time as registration acceptance.

Day of the Fair and Awards

- The 14th Annual Student Research and Creative Activity Fair will take place on **Friday, March 4, 2022, in the Milo Bail Student Center**.
- Concurrent presentation sessions will take place from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.
- Upon arrival, you must check-in at the registration table. There you will receive your name tag and directions to your presentation area.

- Lunch will be provided for all participants and their faculty advisors.
- The standard for dress is business casual. Keep in mind that you will be making a professional presentation. Blue jeans, flip flops, athletic wear, or other inappropriate clothing choices should not be worn.
- Feel free to invite family, friends, classmates, and other guests. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- A preliminary schedule for the day will be available at research.unomaha.edu/fair.
- The award ceremony will take place after all presentations have been delivered, at approximately 4 pm.

Questions? Contact the Office of Research and Creative Activity at 402-554-2286, or by email at unoorca@unomaha.edu.

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