



TO: College of Human Sciences Undergraduate Students

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RE: Call for Abstracts from Undergraduate Researchers – *CHS Research Showcase 2020*

Research Showcase promotes interdisciplinary dissemination of results from College of Human Sciences undergraduates involved in graduate student or faculty research projects. Although it is designed for graduate students, *Research Showcase* can also help undergraduate students build new skills in verbally presenting research findings to interdisciplinary and non-scientific audiences.

I encourage you to submit an abstract for the Short Format (5 minutes) portion of the College's *Research Showcase 2020* on Wednesday, 26 February 2020. The Short Format is perfect for undergraduates who are beginning in research because it does not require in-depth technical understanding of the research. Instead, it requires talking about research findings in a conversational, "here's how it makes the world a better place" way.

Please work with your project mentor to submit a structured abstract using the structure below. All abstracts should be single-spaced using a sans-serif font like Arial or Helvetica that is no smaller than 11 point. The abstract should begin with a title of the proposed presentation, followed by a list of all authors with the presenter's name underlined. Abstracts are 300 words or less, not including presentation title and authors names.

Short Format

Issue: Public or everyday issue your science addresses.

Problem: Your study's topic and its relevance to the identified issue.

Results: A jargon-free description of study findings.

Confidence: Explanation why the audience should accept the results.

Conclusions: Logical implication of results for the identified issue.

All abstracts should be submitted as an electronic word document, and should be accompanied by a signed **Presenter Information and Permission to Post** form available on the [CHS website](#). The abstract and form are due by 5:00PM EST on 24 January 2020, to thartman@fsu.edu (SAN242-N).

Final decisions will depend on the number of abstracts accepted and the merit of key points. The student and project mentor will be notified of selection no later than 10 February 2020.