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# UURAF: WHAT TO EXPECT

The Office of Undergraduate Research and  
Creative Activity

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Michigan State University recognizes that the land on which we conduct research, explore questions, and express creativity sits on land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw. We acknowledge that Michigan State University occupies the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Anishinaabe – the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples. As one of the first Land Grant colleges, Michigan State University is a beneficiary of Land allotted through the passing of the Morrill Act in 1862. As such, we have the responsibility to hold each other more accountable to the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples.



Source: michiganology.org





# WORKSHOP GOALS

**Help participants understand:**

- What UURAF is
- The registration process
- How to successfully prepare for UURAF
- Where to find resources
- Q&A!





# ABOUT UURAF

## **University Undergraduate Research & Arts Forum**

Annual research presentation event for MSU undergraduates with hybrid format

Nearly 900 students presented their research and creative inquiry last year



# WHO & WHAT

## **Presenters can be**

- Current MSU Undergraduates
- December 2023 Graduates

## **Research and creative scholarship accepted**

- Any mentored research experience
  - Course-based, Education Abroad, community-based, etc.
- Anywhere research is located
  - MSU facilities, other institutions, internships, summer experiences, and more
- Preliminary, in progress, or completed project
- Fall, spring, summer, or multiple semesters
- New presentation or previously presented at other venues



# WHERE & HOW

## Onsite at Breslin Center

- Posters
- Performances
- Exhibits
- In-person presentations and judging on April 12

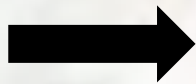
## Online at Symposium

- Orals
- Films
- Posters
- Pre-recorded, asynchronous for judging on April 11 - 12



# REGISTRATION

Register  
early to  
claim a spot!



The screenshot shows the Michigan State University My Spartan Story portal. The left sidebar contains a 'My Account' menu with options: Staff, Opportunities Catalog, Submit a Spartan Experience, Spartan Experience Record, Undergraduate Research (highlighted), Overview, Undergraduate Research Experiences, UURAF (highlighted), UURAF 2021, UURAF 2020, and UURAF 2019. The main content area is titled 'Add UURAF Presentation' and features a progress bar with five steps: UURAF Presentation Type (checked), UURAF Presenter (active), UURAF Presentation Details, Add Additional Student Presenters, and Add Mentor. Below the progress bar, the 'STUDENT PRESENTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION' section provides instructions for individual and group presentations, a disclaimer about image and video usage, and a note about the program book. It includes a text input field for an email address and a 'Choose the UURAF Presenter' dropdown menu. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons.

**Priority Registration ends: February 9 at 11:59 PM**

**Late Registration opens: February 12** (limited modality & category)

Draft abstracts accepted -- Final edits due **March 29 at 11:59 PM**



# ABSTRACTS

- Brief overview of your research project
- Quickly summarizes your research and explains what you did when conducting the research

## **Focus on answering:**

- What is your research about?
- Why is your research important?
- How was your research done?
- What will you present on?

## **Every UURAF submission is required to submit an abstract or proposal**

- 250 words or less
- One paragraph, with no breaks or indentations
- Final version due March 29<sup>th</sup> 11:59 PM





# AFTER REGISTRATION

Your presentation details will be assigned by February 23

- Category and section number
- Presentation number, timeslot, and location

This information will also be viewable on [ser.msu.edu](https://ser.msu.edu) once available

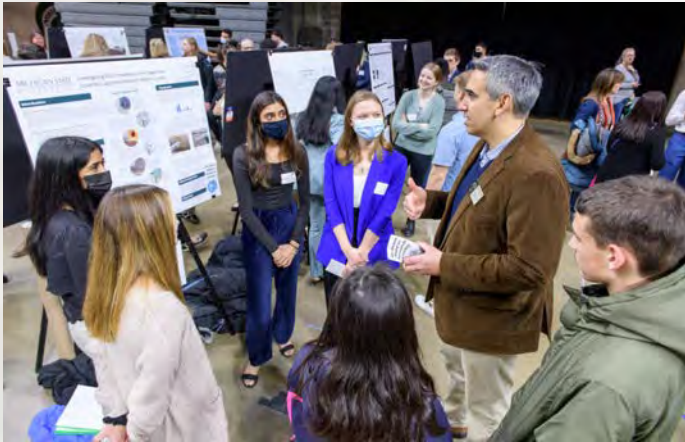
You have until **February 23 at 11:59 PM** to make edits to your title

You have until **March 29 at 11:59 PM** to make any additional edits

Complete Level 1 **RCR Training** by March 29



# ONSITE @ BRESLIN



Print poster 40" x 32"  
Landscape or portrait

Request equipment for  
performance/exhibit  
before March 4



Poster presentations in the Arena

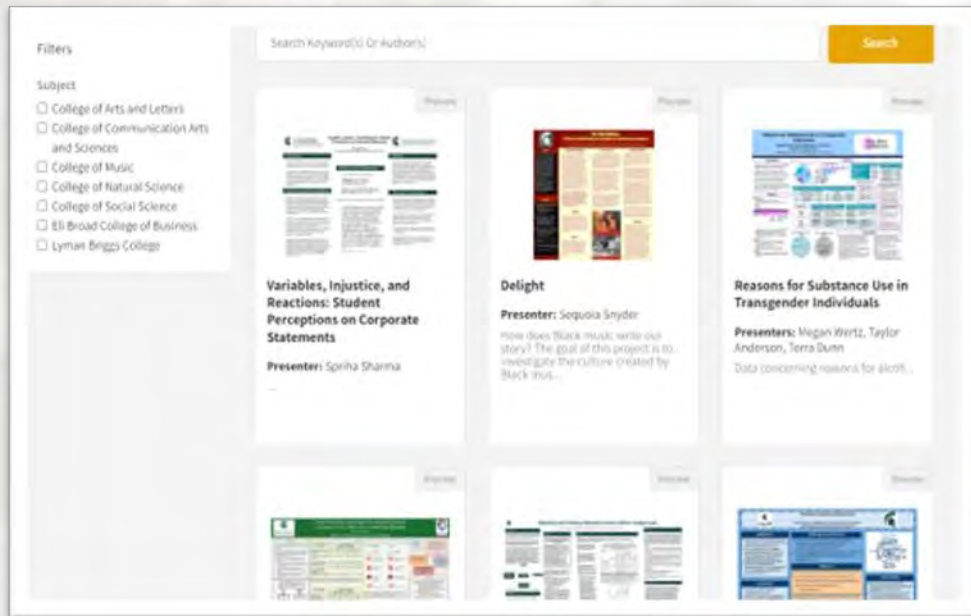
Performances and Exhibits on  
Concourse Level

Arrive 30 minutes before  
assigned timeslot





# ONLINE @ SYMPOSIUM



- All online presentations visible to judges and visitors (i.e. family, friends, mentors)
- To comment on a presentation: MUST register for a free Symposium account

- Presentation page example
- All presentations will show:
  - title, abstract, presenter and mentor name(s)
- You will receive an email when someone comments



# REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLINE

## Symposium Presentation Submission

### Diversity Research Showcase 2023

Please fill out the following form with your presentation information by Sunday, January 8. Please only submit one form per presentation. You may make edits to your presentation information after submission. Edit function will close on Monday, January 9.

#### Presenter Information

First Name\*

Type Here

Last Name\*

Type Here

Email\*

Enter your MSU email address

Type Here

- Presentation materials submitted by **Monday, April 8 at 11:59 PM**
- You will be sent a submission link once online event site is ready
- Late Submissions will not receive judging





# RESOURCES

Utilize the resources on our website  
[urca.msu.edu](https://urca.msu.edu)

View:

- Step-by-step registration guides
- FAQs
- Abstract examples
- Past UURAF program books

Get one-on-one help from a peer  
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## UURAF

### 2023 University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF)

The 25th annual UURAF will be held **Friday, April 14, 2023** at the Breslin Center and online. Student registration is due on February 9 at 11:59 PM.

**UURAF** (pronounced: you-raf) provides Michigan State undergraduate students with an opportunity to showcase their scholarship and creative activity. Held each spring, UURAF brings together an intellectual community of undergraduate students to share their work with faculty, staff, peers, and external audiences. Participants will gain experience in presenting their research, answer questions about their work from audience members and guests, and receive constructive feedback from judges.

UURAF 2023 will be a hybrid event on April 14. In-person activities will be held at the Breslin Center. Virtual activities will be hosted on Symposium by ForagerOne. Poster, oral, performance, film, and exhibit presentations will all be on display. The event is free and open to the public.

Students must [register](#) to present at UURAF by February 9 at 11:59 PM Eastern. Registration ensures a presentation slot in the preferred modality. **Abstracts/proposals do not need to be complete at the time of registration.** Final edits to your registration and abstract will be due by March 3. Late registrations will be placed in a virtual section unless openings are available elsewhere at the event.

Click on the links that follow for more details about [poster](#), [oral](#), [performance](#), [film/exhibit](#) presentation requirements. **Note to virtual presenters:** due to event logistics, you must submit presentation materials by Sunday, April 9 at 11:59 PM.

Current MSU undergraduates and December 2022 graduates are eligible to present at UURAF 2023. Work presented at other venues (college/department forums, off-campus conferences, etc.) are also invited to present at UURAF.

**All stages of research and creative scholarship are welcomed**--from preliminary to capstone projects



# UURAF WORKSHOPS

Writing Abstracts - March 14 at 7:00-7:30 PM Online

Presenting at UURAF - March 19 at 12:30-1:00 PM TBD

Presenting at UURAF - March 25 at 12:30-1:00 PM TBD

Presenting at UURAF - April 2 at 7:00-7:30 PM Online



# QUESTIONS?

## Get Answers!

- Peer Advising
- [urca.msu.edu](http://urca.msu.edu)
- [ugrsrch@msu.edu](mailto:ugrsrch@msu.edu)
- 517-884-4384

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