

## GPRC Student Research Conference

At its heart, research means asking a question about how the world works and then answering it in a systematic way. This understanding of research means that everyone is a researcher at one time or another, and college and university students are constantly engaging in research throughout the course of their studies. Inventors, artists and entrepreneurs are researchers when they develop ideas, adjust their techniques and experiment with different approaches. Historians and literary critics are researchers when they analyze texts and apply new interpretations. Biologists, chemists, and ecologists are researchers when they try to understand natural phenomena with experimentation and replication.

The Student Research Conference is a celebration of the many different kinds of research GPRC students do every day, both in and out of the classroom. If you have a completed or in-progress project (academic paper, technical report, poster, prototype or model, poem or short story, film, visual or performance art, etc.) that you are proud of this year, consider submitting it to the conference.

Presenters at the Student Research Conference will need to develop a poster (or comparable visual aid, e.g. table top model) or a short presentation/performance.

### Student Eligibility

You are eligible to submit an abstract to the Student Research Conference if...

- You are enrolled in, or have recently graduated from, a full- or part-time credit program of study offered at any GPRC campus (including all certificate, diploma, university transfer and collaborative degree programs)
- Your instructor has reviewed your project and approved your submission in writing
- You are not on academic probation

### Project Eligibility

Although your project **can** do any of the following, it does **not** need to...

- Be a traditional academic research paper
- Contribute new knowledge or original research
- Be completed by an individual student (in other words, group projects are admissible)

Your project **does** need to ...

- Be adaptable to a poster, performance, or presentation format
- Adhere to all GPRC policies and guidelines governing student conduct, academic integrity, and copyright protection
- Build on your understanding of course material

- Be interesting, fresh, and accessible to a non-expert audience
- Be well-researched and well-designed
- Be sufficiently complex that it can sustain a 10-minute oral presentation
- Demonstrate a high level of skill and knowledge in your area of study
- Receive prior approval from your instructor

### **Submission Process**

If your submission is accepted, you will need to...

- Attend the Student Research Conference on February 28 and 29, 2020.
- Create a poster according to pre-determined size and format guidelines that explains the content of your project
- Develop a 5–10 minute presentation that you can give during a science fair-style poster or project display
- Allow a written version of your research to be published in the conference proceedings (you will be fully credited as the author).

**Please note that a select number of submissions may be invited to deliver a longer oral presentation in lieu of a poster based on topic suitability and project excellence.** A number of (non-monetary) awards may be bestowed upon the best posters and presentations as determined by faculty judges.



**GPRC Student Research Award Application Form**

**Name (Lead Applicant):** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPRC Student ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPRC Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program of study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current year of study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Student Co-researchers (if applicable; 3 max):**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

My instructor is aware of and supports my project submission to the Student Research Conference.

**Instructor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*By signing here, the instructor indicates their support of the above student's submission to the Student Research Conference and affirms that the submission demonstrates a skill and aptitude in the student's discipline.*

### **Project Abstract (250 words MAXIMUM)**

On a separate sheet, please provide a one-page summary or abstract of your project submission. Your abstract should answer the following questions:

1. What is the intention of your project or idea? (Identify the problem your research aims to solve or the idea it explores)
2. Has your project been used or explored before? If so, where, how, and by whom?
3. Summarize the key points of your project:
  - Describe your process or methodology
  - What were the results of your research
  - What did you learn during the research process
  - How will you apply what you have learned in your studies or your career
4. What is the application of your project? Will it enhance communities, improve society, or contribute to greater understanding in your field?

If applicable, please include a “Works Cited” list in the citation style conventionally used in your area of study (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.)

### **Application Checklist**

Please ensure you have completed the following components in your application package:

- Completed application form
- One-page project abstract
- A copy of your unofficial transcript (downloadable from MyGPRC)
- If the nature of your project permits, a text, image, or audio file version of your complete project submission\*

\*If you have unique needs for submitting your project to the research office (e.g. physical space needs, multimedia submissions, etc.), please contact [tdoyer@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:tdoyer@gprc.ab.ca) or 780-539-2220 for assistance.

By signing and submitting this application form, you affirm the following:

1. I affirm that my submission to the conference is my own original intellectual property and/or that it does not infringe upon copyright held by others.

2. I accept that decisions made by the Selection Committee may involve some subjectivity as qualitative aspects are being considered.
3. Further to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, I give permission for the disclosure and/or exchange of information to internal or external bodies as required in determining my eligibility or suitability for the Student Research Conference.
4. I accept that a normal part of the Student Research Conference is the release of identifying information to the media as part of the community relations of the College.
5. I accept that, if accepted, my submission may be made public and published in whole or in part by Grande Prairie Regional College in the form of conference proceedings (with all proper credit to the project's author).

All information I have given is true in all aspects.

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Student Name

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Student Signature

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Date

*Please drop off your completed application package to GPRC Research and Innovation (Office E401), Grande Prairie campus, **OR** email your application package to [research@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:research@gprc.ab.ca) with the subject line "Student Research Conference."*