The University of Rhode Island (URI) is pleased to announce the Second Annual International Graduate Student Showcase poster session. The Showcase aims to highlight the exceptional quality and diverse contributions of international graduate students at URI.

All international graduate students at URI, from across all disciplines, are invited to submit poster proposals showcasing their original research or culminating experiences. We encourage faculty members to support and motivate their international students to participate in this event.

The Showcase is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, May 1, 2024 (Reading Day), at the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences (CBLS) on the first floor. Awards honoring outstanding posters across categories such as Ph.D. research, M.S./M.A. research, and culminating experiences or major papers for professional degrees will be presented at the conclusion of the event. All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.

The 2024 Call for Proposals opens on January 29, 2024, and closes on March 8, 2024, at 11:59 PM, Eastern Standard Time. Should students be unable to access and/or submit a proposal, they can reach out to URIGlobal@etal.uri.edu to inquire about alternative submission options. Please note that proposals submitted after the closing date and time will not be considered.

The Second Annual International Graduate Student Showcase is supported by the College of the Environment and Life Sciences, the Graduate School, and the Global Initiatives Office.

**Poster Proposal Guidelines**

Poster Proposals are due to the following Submission Form by March 8, 2024, 11:59 PM, Eastern Standard Time, and should include the following:

1. Student information:
   a. Name, current graduate program, and email of the student applicant.
2. Title of Research, Project, or Culminating Experience.
3. Additional authors:
   a. If applicable, include name(s), college(s), and email(s) of co-authors.
4. Category of poster:
a. Indicate whether the work is the result of Ph.D. research, M.S./M.A. research, culminating experience, or major paper.

5. Abstract:
   a. Describe the goals, approaches/methods, and key outcomes/contributions of the work.
   b. Body: Up to 400 words maximum.
   c. Abstracts must be written in English, following standard grammar and punctuation rules.
   d. Include:
      i. Clear articulation of goals, objectives, questions, or hypotheses.
      ii. Clear description of approaches/methods employed.
      iii. Summary of key outcomes or contributions (quantitative results, qualitative outcomes, or knowledge produced).
         1. NOTE: Results, outcomes, or knowledge may be preliminary, but must not be vague

6. Keywords:
   a. Include 2-5 keywords describing the poster.

7. Letter of Support from Advisor or Mentor:
   a. The letter of support should indicate the advisor or mentor’s agreement regarding the readiness of the work for presentation and their commitment to provide guidance on poster development.

Showcase Timeline

January 29, 2024 Call for proposals
March 8, 2024 Proposal submission deadline
March 11-15, 2024 Submissions reviewed by Showcase committee
March 17, 2024 Poster selections announced
To be Announced Student support webinars/sessions
April 3, 2024 Prepare Your Poster Session
May 1, 2024 Second Annual International Graduate Student Showcase

Eligibility Criteria

All URI international graduate students are encouraged to submit a proposal, including visiting scholars, exchange students, etc.

Support Available

URI faculty and staff will be offering online training sessions aimed at providing guidance on what to include, best practices for poster design, and how to develop a professional pitch presentation. Students will also have access to the International Graduate Student Showcase Brightspace page for additional resources.
Please note that students are responsible for covering printing costs. We encourage students to reach out to their mentor or advisor for guidance should they have any questions about covering these expenses.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Thomas Boving (tboving@uri.edu) or URI Global Initiatives (uriglobal@etal.uri.edu).

For more information and resources, visit the International Graduate Student Showcase website page.

Proposal Submission Instructions

To submit a proposal, please use the following link:

https://forms.office.com/r/QDqMXeh1Ph

In case of any issues with the form, difficulties in uploading/attaching documents, or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact URIGlobal@etal.uri.edu for assistance.