



CALL FOR PAPERS 2023

KPU Faculty of Arts is excited to invite faculty and student researchers to join us at our upcoming conference, Empowering Minds: Inspiring and Showcasing Undergraduate Research, where we will explore the significance of undergraduate research and ways to support it.

Engaging undergraduates in research provides them with learning experiences beyond traditional classrooms. Hands-on engagement, critical thinking, analysis, and collaborative teamwork in research offer students invaluable skills, cultivate curiosity, and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities after graduation. Thus, our conference seeks to delve into the best practices, strategies, resources, and success stories that have significantly impacted undergraduate students' research experiences. Join us in celebrating the transformative power of undergraduate research.

Please note: Our conference will feature hybrid in-person and online sessions to accommodate presenters and participants. Panel discussions will be available both in person and online, our poster and demo sessions will be conducted exclusively in person, providing presenters with opportunities for direct engagement with conference attendees.

Location: KPU Surrey Conference Centre (Cedar Building Room 1205) - 12666 72 Ave - Surrey BC V3W 2M8

Important Dates:

- **Proposal Submission Deadline:** January 10, 2024
- **Acceptance Notifications:** January 20, 2024
- **Registration Start:** January 20, 2024
- **Conference Date:** March 15, 2024

The conference offers the following opportunities:

- **Panel Sessions (Faculty & Students):** Engage in stimulating conversations guided by faculty members and undergraduate researchers. Our conference will feature two panels:
 - **Showcase to Inspire:** The Benefits of Undergraduate Research for Faculty and Students: This panel sheds light on the role played by undergraduates in research projects. It will also explore the profound impact on student and faculty development, uncovering the benefits and insights of research collaboration between faculty and undergraduates.
 - **Foster Undergraduate Research Mentorship and Guidance:** This session explores mentoring practices and different perspectives on fostering effective mentorship. Faculty and students share their viewpoints, tangible examples, strategies, and vital resources for supporting undergraduates.



Panel Sessions Proposal Guidelines:

Submit a 350-word proposal that shares how your experience aligns with the panel you're interested in. Highlight specific contributions, insights, or strategies you can bring to either the discussion on the role of undergraduates in research projects or the exploration of mentoring practices. Your submission should illustrate your capacity to actively contribute to and enhance the chosen panel's discussion. Indicate your preferred mode of participation (online or in-person).

- **Poster Session (Students):** Showcase your research findings, engage in lively discussions, and join fellow undergraduate researchers during our poster session where undergraduates from various fields present and discuss their research findings.

Poster Session Proposal Guidelines:

Submit a 350-word proposal briefly sharing your research topic. Highlight the research question, principal findings, and potential implications. Acknowledge any challenges encountered during the research process and discuss how you addressed or overcame them.

- **Demo Session (Faculty & Students):** Share software, guides, and other practical resources to support undergraduate research.

Demo Session Proposal Guidelines:

Submit a 350-word proposal describing a practical resource or tool developed or used to support undergraduate research that you want to introduce in this session. Highlight its key features and how it enhances the research experience for students and faculty.

Send All Proposals To: ArtsNetwork@kpu.ca

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