SIMPSON UNIVERSITY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SRS PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- The Simpson Research Symposium is open to any current Simpson University Student or former student who graduated within one year of the symposium date.

- The research project and resulting paper, poster, and/or presentation should be far enough along in order for the student to write a definitive abstract by the **February proposal** deadline. Link to abstract samples: https://tinyurl.com/39dfp3bk [update link]

- Each presenter must have a Simpson University faculty mentor. The faculty mentor is typically the instructor under whom the research project was conducted (e.g. the instructor of the course for which the research was done). Please talk to the professor before you apply. Make sure he or she is willing to serve as your faculty mentor before submitting your proposal.

- Decide if you will present your research findings as a talk (paper) or a poster.

    - For a **talk/paper**, you will prepare and deliver a 15 (but no more than 20) minute oral presentation about your project, followed by a short Q & A session with the audience. These talks should explore the *original* ideas of the presenter and may be based upon any academic work, ranging from a summative class project to an independent research project. Visual aids (e.g., an electronic slideshow) are especially encouraged. Be sure to talk to your faculty mentor about what kind of visual aid might best suit your presentation. She or he can help you plan your talk to fit within these designated parameters.

    - For **panel**, you will prepare and deliver a 15 (but no more than 20) minute oral presentation about your project along with one or two other students in a panel. In the panel format, each presenter will give their talk, and the Q & A time will be reserved for the end, after all the panelists have delivered their presentation. Generally, you will be placed into a panel format with other presenters doing a complimentary topic as your own. *Alternative formats considered upon request.*

    - For a **poster**, you will design a large-format poster (36”x48”) and be prepared to explain the poster's contents in a group poster session setting. Posters should be prepared electronically. You will find “Poster Guidelines” located on the symposium website. Printing instructions will be supplied upon successful submission of a poster presentation proposal (the cost is typically covered; based on demand). As with talks, posters may be based upon any academic work, ranging from a summative class project to an independent research project. Again, your faculty mentor can provide advice and guidance in designing a poster suitable to your project and discipline.

    - For an **infographic**, you will coordinate with your professor to create a graphical presentation that communicates your relevant research in a clear and compelling

manner. These will be printed (standard dimensions: 11”x17”, landscape or portrait) and displayed, in pairs, alongside the poster presentations.

- The **performance-creative** category is for participants wishing to deliver an original creative composition—art, music, poetry, short story, etc. The performance should include some explanation of the work in addition to the performance. Together the presentation should not exceed 20 minutes.

- Write an abstract of your research/creative project (250 word max). Your faculty mentor can give you guidance on the proper content and style for an abstract in your discipline.

- Submit your presentation proposal by completing the online proposal form located on the Student Research Symposium event website. The application includes your personal information, the name and email address of your faculty mentor, and an abstract of your research project (no more than 250 words).

- All proposal applications submitted by the February deadline will receive full consideration in the symposium. Late applicants may be considered when possible. While we encourage students incorporate the conference theme, research projects on *any* subject are eligible for inclusion in the program.

- Applicants will be notified ASAP by the SRS committee about whether his or her submission has been accepted for inclusion in this year’s symposium program. Because the acceptance rate is high, all students should prepare as if they will be presenting.

- Awards: Traditionally participants in the symposium are eligible to win one of the Stanley Clark Student Research Awards (a small plaque and cash prize) given in three categories: Best Paper, Best Poster, and Best Presentation). Award categories may shift based on submission pool, especially those without monetary components, e.g., People’s Choice Awards, Best Creative Performance, Tozer Seminary Award, Best Graduate Presentation.

    - If you are giving a talk and want your paper to be considered for a Stanley Clark Student Research Award, you will also need to submit an electronic copy of the research paper upon which the talk will be based. Only papers submitted by the application deadline will be eligible for the “Best Paper” category of the award. If you do not submit a paper, or your research project did not require a finished paper, the talk you give on the day of the symposium may still be eligible for the “Best Presentation” category of the Stanley Clark Student Research Award.

    - If you are giving a poster, you are not required to submit a research paper with your application. All posters will be eligible for “Best Poster” of the Stanley Clark Student Research Award.

    - The winners of the Stanley Clark Student Research Award will be announced on the day of the symposium. A prize is traditionally be given for best undergraduate

(1) paper, (2) poster, and (3) presentation. Monetary and non-monetary awards may be given. Graduate presentations may be awarded based upon participation.