

Q&A FOR POTENTIAL FLASH PRESENTERS (UPDATED 3-31-16)

4TH ANNUAL UTEP IDR SYMPOSIUM

CREATING THE SPACE, CULTURE, AND ANCHORS FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (IDRE)

1. What is the format of the presentations?

The presentation portion of the symposium starts at **2:00pm** and ends at approximately **4:00pm**. To kick off the session, presenters will deliver a brief elevator speech (1-2 minutes depending on number of presenters) in front of symposium attendees. After elevator speeches are finished, presenters will move towards the area of the room where their paper poster/digital poster is displayed. Symposium attendees will then visit the posters that interest them and speak directly with poster presenters.

2. Who/what could be presented at the elevator speeches/poster session?

- ✓ Individuals, teams, or communities of practice that seek to disseminate efforts
- ✓ Newly emerging research/education communities or projects that seek to extend involvement
- ✓ Active or completed interdisciplinary research/education projects that seek to disseminate results
- ✓ Interdisciplinary academic programs that seek to disseminate information on program changes or opportunities

During the poster presentation, presenters may opt to present a traditional hard copy poster or may request a monitor to show digital slides/video. We will do our best to accommodate all presenters with their preferred media.

3. What should be included in the elevator speech?

Since each elevator speech will be timed and is approximately 1-2 minutes in length, a presenter should be mindful about the key points that s/he would like to convey to the audience about their interdisciplinary team, program, idea, or community of practice. Depending on the number of presenters that are selected, each presenter may show 1-2 slides during his/her elevator speech. As such, presenters are encouraged to use provocative imagery rather than rely on written language. Creativity is encouraged.

4. What should be included in the poster presentation?

Possible Poster Presentation Content (any or all of the below)

- o Title, collaborators, and description of the effort
- o Description of the practices, efforts, tools, and/or roles employed by members of the community/team that positively or negatively impacted the interdisciplinary effort
- o Lessons learned for successful interdisciplinary engagement
- o General timeline of the activities supported with major progress markers highlighted
- o Problem statement, interdisciplinary approach/challenges, results/significance, acknowledgements, and references

4. What are the requirements to present a poster?

Interested individuals should fill out a Presenter Form.

5. I am interested in presenting a printed poster. Will the cost of the poster printing be sponsored?

Individuals whose poster abstracts are selected have the option of printing through the Library but printing must be done by Thursday, April 21st. This means that you may need to take your poster for printing prior to April 21st to be put in the queue. A list of individuals whose posters are selected will be provided to the Library. The poster cannot exceed 3' by 4' so any visual display(s) that fits within these dimensions is acceptable.

6. What is the definition of Interdisciplinary Research?

While there is no generally agreed upon definition, we use the definition from the National Academies Committee on Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research which is the same definition that the National Science Foundation (NSF) uses: "A mode of research by teams or individuals that integrates information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts, and/or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge to advance fundamental understanding or to solve problems whose solutions are beyond the scope of a single discipline or area of research practice."

7. Do I need to register for the 2016 IDR Symposium?

Yes, please do. This will help with ordering food quantities. You can register at <http://www.idr.utep.edu/symposium.php> There is no fee to register.

8. Who is sponsoring the 2016 UTEP IDR Symposium?

The Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP), Graduate School, Office of the Provost, Environmental Science and Engineering (ESE) Program and Cyber-ShARE are supporting this year's symposium.

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