

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

The information provided below will assist you with your preparations to attend the 2009 National Student Research Forum. As the Forum date nears, additional information will be forwarded to you that contains detailed instructions about the time, place, and title of the session in which you will be presenting your research. If your file is incomplete, you will be notified at this time.

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Galveston Island is located southeast of Houston, Texas. It is served by two airports: William P. Hobby Airport (closest to Galveston) and George Bush Intercontinental Airport. **We strongly recommend that you fly into William P. Hobby Airport since it is located near Interstate 45 and is an easy, straightforward drive to Galveston (approximately 45-50 miles).** George Bush Intercontinental Airport is approximately 1-1/2 hours away from Galveston (approximately 90 miles).

Travel to and from the airport is your responsibility. You may rent a car and drive, or you can use Galveston Limousine Service, Inc. to make shuttle reservations. For prices and shuttle information, call 1-800-640-4826 or visit their website at www.galvestonlimousineservice.com. (Prices are subject to change without notice.)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Complete the attached registration and cover sheet endorsement forms. Forward them with your \$100US registration fee to:

The National Student Research Forum
c/o Elisabeth Sanders, NSRF Coordinator
301 University Boulevard, 2.4 Old Shriners Burns
Galveston, TX 77555-0817

Registration fee must be Postmarked by March 14, 2009. No registration fee refunds will be made after March 24, 2009.

The Forum will be held at the Galveston Island Hilton Resort. Upon your arrival, check in at the hotel registration desk to receive additional materials, be sure to tell them that you are with the NSRF. The Forum registration desk will be open on Thursday, April 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Hilton Galveston Island Resort Hotel (www.galvestonhilton.com) is hosting the 2009 NSRF. It is the only hotel that will offer a discounted room rate for NSRF participants. It is located on the beachfront at 5400 Seawall Boulevard. Single occupancy room rate is \$119. **You MUST make your reservations by March 24, 2009 to secure a room at the reduced rate. Use the website listed above or call (409) 744-5000 to make reservations.**

PRESENTATION PREPARATION – We strongly recommend that all materials vital to your presentation be hand-carried while traveling to the NSRF. We urge you to bring back-up disks or CD's. **DO NOT bring laptops; our auditoriums are equipped with computers and updated technology for use with PowerPoint presentations. AV technical support will also be available.**

Oral Presentations:

Fifteen minutes will be allotted for each paper. The time limit will be **RIGIDLY ENFORCED**. Participants **MUST** limit their presentations to 10-12 minutes; the remaining time is for discussion. Oral presentation will be judged on content, audiovisual aids, and the participant's ability to handle questions. In competition for awards for oral presentations, the manuscript and the oral presentation of the topic at the Forum will be considered for judging. For judging: 60% manuscript and 40% oral presentation.

The manuscript is **limited to 15 pages of text double-spaced** (type no smaller than 10 point Times Roman Font) and must be written in English. It should indicate the problem under consideration and its significance. In addition, it should describe the means and materials used in the solution of the problem. Finally, it should state the results, their significance, and their applicability to broader fields of knowledge. Papers will be judged on knowledge, originality of technique and methods, and relevance.

Format of Manuscripts

1. Participant's name should not appear **anywhere in the manuscript**. The manuscript should have the title of the manuscript and ID# that was provided to you in your acceptance letter.
2. Acknowledgments should be omitted from all copies of the manuscript.
3. All references to location or university at which the research was done are to be omitted.
4. Photos, figures and legends, and references should appear at the end of the manuscript. (These are not counted as text and, therefore, are not included in the fifteen page limit.)
5. **All manuscripts must be submitted by PDF format and emailed to easander@utmb.edu by March 14, 2009.**

Poster Presentations:

See Schedule for dates and times.

Participants presenting in poster sessions are **not required to submit a manuscript**. All poster presentations will be considered for Poster Presentation Awards, providing the first author listed on the abstract is the presenter. Posters will be judged on their adherence to the stated guidelines, content, clarity, and the ability of the researcher to handle questions. Judges will circulate through the poster session during the judging. The authors will be required to briefly present their posters to the judging panel.

Poster Production

1. Please make your poster 72 inches (w) by 44 inches (h) and include sections as follows:
 - the subject under consideration and its significance
 - the means and materials used
 - a summary of the results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions
 - the significance of the results and their applicability to broader fields of knowledge
 - references
2. The title of the poster, ID#, the name of the participant and the location at which the research was performed should appear at the top of the display in a space at least 20cm high. **CAPITALIZE THE ENTIRE TITLE.**
3. All illustrations should be professionally finished. Hand drawn figures are strongly discouraged.
4. Posters are to be attached to the boards with thumbtacks.* **NO** paste, glue, staples, or nails are permitted.
5. Judges will circulate through the poster session during a specified period of time during the Forum. Posters will be judged on their adherence to the stated guidelines, content clarity, and the ability of the researcher to handle questions.

**Push pins and thumbtacks will be provided.*

Osler Essay Contest

The Oslerian Award for Translational Research

Sponsored by Judith F. Aronson, M.D., William Osler Scholar, John P. McGovern
Academy of Oslerian Medicine

“The...greatest glory is that the leaves of the tree of science have availed for the healing of the nations. Measure as we may the progress of the world – intellectually in the growth and spread of education, materially in the application to life of all mechanical appliances, and morally in a higher standard of ethics between nation and nation, and between individuals, there is no one measure which can compare with the decrease of disease and suffering in man, woman and child.”

-Sir William Osler

Man’s Redemption of Man: A Lay Sermon, 1910

To compete for this award, the applicant will write an original 1000-word essay describing the implications and potential importance of his/her research avenue or discovery for the betterment of human health. The successful essay should explicitly link results of the applicant’s scientific inquiry with humanistic ideals espoused by Osler and emulated to this day. Judging will be based both on the applicant’s essay and submitted abstract. Up to five (5) winners will receive a \$100 cash prize, a plaque, and a book. Deadline is March 27, 2009.

NATIONAL STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM
301 University Blvd.
2.4 Old Shriners Burns
The University of Texas Medical Branch
Galveston, Texas 77555-0817

Schedule of Judged Events

Orthopedic Medicine and Surgery	oral	Thursday, April 23, 2009	9:00
Pharmacology and Toxicology	oral	Thursday, April 23, 2009	9:00
Public Health and Medical Humanities	oral	Thursday, April 23, 2009	9:00
Biochemistry and Cell Biology	oral	Thursday, April 23, 2009	10:30
Microbiology and Immunology	oral	Friday, April 24, 2009	9:00
Neuroscience	oral	Friday, April 24, 2009	9:00
Oncology	oral	Friday, April 24, 2009	9:00
Cardiology	poster	Friday, April 24, 2009	2:00
Dermatology	poster	Friday, April 24, 2009	2:00
Obstetrics and Gynecology	poster	Friday, April 24, 2009	2:00
Orthopedic Medicine	poster	Friday, April 24, 2009	2:00
Physiology	poster	Friday, April 24, 2009	2:00
Public Health	poster	Friday, April 24, 2009	2:00
Radiology	poster	Friday, April 24, 2009	2:00
Surgery	poster	Friday, April 24, 2009	2:00
Biochemistry	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00
Cell Biology	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00
Genetics	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00
Immunology	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00
Microbiology and Infectious Disease	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00
Neuroscience	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00
Oncology	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00
Pathology	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00
Pharmacology and Toxicology	poster	Saturday, April 25, 2009	10:00

Tentative Schedule for Plenary Sessions

(Subject to change. Final schedule will be available closer to the forum.)

All participants are required to attend the plenary sessions in order to compete for awards. Attendance will be taken at all plenary events. Plenary sessions will take place at the Hilton Galveston Island Resort and the Galveston Island Convention Center.

Thursday April 23, 2009

8:30-9:00 am - Welcome address

1:00-3:00 pm - Interactive Focus Groups

4:00-5:00 pm – Abreu Memorial Keynote Lecture Series

Friday April 24, 2009

12:00-1:30 pm – Bench to Bedside Lunch

4:00-5:00pm – Abreu Memorial Keynote Lecture Series

Saturday April 25, 2009

12:00-1:30pm – Lunch Guest Lecture

1:30-3:00pm – Student Workshop

6:00-8:00pm – Award Banquet

Participant Forms to be Completed

Attachment 1: Registration Form

This form must be completed and returned with your \$100US registration fee no later than March 14, 2009. The fee is non-refundable after March 24, 2009.

Attachment 2: Cover Sheet Endorsement Form

All persons making a presentation must complete this form.

Attachment 3: Author's Disclosures

Complete, sign, and return.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return by March 14, 2009

(Please print or type)

(Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.) Name _____

Home Address _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Name, title, full mailing address, and telephone # of faculty sponsor:

If guest will attend please print or type name(s) below. Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Address:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please check the events you plan to attend. Registration fees include the cost of all planned social functions.

____ Evening Before Mixer	Hilton Resort, poolside	Wednesday	April 22	7:30 p.m.
____ Key Note Reception	Hilton Resort	Thursday	April 23	5:30 p.m.
____ Poolside Mixer	Hilton Resort, poolside	Friday	April 24	7:00 p.m.
____ Awards Banquet	Hilton Resort	Saturday	April 25	6:00 p.m.
____ Breakfast	Hilton Resort	Sunday	April 26	8:00 a.m.

Please check box if you are a vegetarian

STANDARD EQUIPMENT PROVIDED: Auditoriums are equipped with computers and updated technology for use with power point presentations. Please check off any additional equipment you may need for your presentation. *The participant must provide any special equipment not listed.*

A check or money order payable to the National Student Research Forum for \$100 (U.S Dollars) must accompany this form to serve as registration fee. An additional \$35 (U.S. Dollars) fee is necessary for each guest, including spouse, who will attend. This fee is NON-REFUNDABLE after March 24.

THIS FORM, PLUS THE REGISTRATION FEE, MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 14, 2009. Please return the original form to the National Student Research Forum. You may keep a copy for your records, and a receipt for payment will be provided to you at the close of the meeting. If a receipt is needed before then, please contact our office, (409) 772-3390 or E-mail easander@utmb.edu .

COVER SHEET ENDORSEMENT

*All persons making a presentation must complete the following information and return it by **March 14, 2009. This form must be typed.** You will not be allowed to present your work if this form is not returned to the NSRF office.*

I acknowledge that the presentation entitled:

will appear under the student participant's name as first author at the National Student Research Forum. Furthermore, any future publications of this work will bear his/her name in conjunction with the faculty members who advised and guided the project.

Student Participant (Please Print)

Student Participant's Signature

Department Chair (Please Print)

Department Chair Signature

Faculty Sponsor (Please Print)

Faculty Sponsor's Signature

Author's Disclosures

1. Conflict of interest

Please circle one and initial pertaining to conflict of interest and financial disclosures.

A _____(Initial) Neither I nor my spouse/domestic partner have a significant financial interest or other relationship with any manufacturers of commercial products or service providers. I am not receiving direct payments from a commercial entity with respect to this activity.

B _____(Initial) Either I or my spouse/domestic partner have a financial relationship, arrangement or affiliation with one or more commercial entities that could be perceived as a real or apparent conflict of interest ***in the content of this presentation***. (Please attach a written description of the financial relationship that exists including dollar amounts and the source of the funds)

2. Animal Research

_____Please check here if the research you are presenting at the 2009 NSRF involves the use of animals, including non-human primates. This excludes the use of human subjects (see below).

If your research involves the use of animals, do you have the appropriate and current approvals from your IACUC and/or other institutional committee? (Circle one and initial)

Yes _____(Initial)

No _____(Initial)

Date of approval:_____ Protocol number:_____

3. Human Subject Use

_____Please check here if the research you are presenting at the 2009 NSRF involves the use of human subjects or samples.

If your research involves the use of human subjects and samples, do you have approval from your IRB or other appropriate institutional committee? (Circle one and initial)

Yes _____(Initial)

No _____(Initial)

Date of approval:_____ Protocol number:_____

I have read the above disclosures and agree that the above information is correct.

Student Signature

Date

Faculty Advisor Signature

Date