

# SRC FAQs

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### **What if I am not finished with my research?**

- Research is never truly complete, right? So, no one expects your research to be final and without lingering questions. That being said, many students choose to present information about methodology, research questions and processes, or simply what they have completed in their research thus far. No matter what stage you are at with your research, you can present what you have and be successful doing so.

### **What is the difference between a co-presenter and a collaborator?**

- A co-presenter is someone who presents along side you (either physically or virtually at the same time). When filling out the registration form, you will be asked to provide specifics about your co-presenter(s). Collaborators are people who you credit in your public presentation (commonly additional researchers on a project or faculty who would eventually be a co-author).

### **Who can present at the SRC?**

- Any current UVM students at any level, from any discipline are encouraged to present. Students in 200-level courses are allowed to submit their research projects to the SRC with the instructor's permission.

### **What is the difference between the presentation formats?**

- Oral or Paper Presentations are ~10 minute oral presentations that are typically accompanied by several presentation slides. These presentations will be organized by discipline or invited/special sessions. Participants will submit their recorded oral presentation and receive questions and comments via VoiceThead (the virtual platform for the 2021 SRC).
- Poster Presentations are organized on a single 24"x36" slide and can be accompanied by a brief, oral description of your research (given the virtual format of the conference). Participants will submit their poster and (optional) recorded oral description/research pitch and receive questions and comments via VoiceThead (the virtual platform for the 2021 SRC).
- Special & Invited Sessions: Faculty may propose sessions that encompass a specific topic or interest and may request oral or poster presentations only, or a combination of both. Students are invited to participate by faculty based on the student's abstract or affiliation with the faculty. The SRC Coordinator will work with faculty and students in organizing these sessions.

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### **What happens after I register?**

- Once you have submitted your registration, you have committed to present. No one is rejected and there is no acceptance sent beyond the confirmation email from ScholarWorks. If you do not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder. If there is not a confirmation, please contact the SRC Coordinator. There are a series of workshops and opportunities for professional development related to the conference, which you can find on the SRC website. You can find information regarding deadlines for registration changes and other announcements on the SRC website as well.

### **What is an abstract and how do I write now?**

- An "abstract" is required for registration and consists of a brief summary (no more than 200 words) of your project. You are expected to submit your abstract to your research mentor for review. Based on your mentor's feedback, revise your abstract if necessary. You can find online resources here <https://www.uvm.edu/four/registration-information> or by scanning the QR code.



### **Who will view my oral or poster presentation?**

- All presentations uploaded to VoiceThread are accessible to the public. We encourage you to invite your own audience to view, ask questions, and leave comments on your uploaded presentation.

### **I tried to change my presentation format at the last minute and am on the "wait list" for a presentation. Now what?**

- Typically, drop outs happen within two weeks of the event. However, we do not make any changes within one week of the conference. If you are not contacted by then, please prepare to upload your original presentation format.

### **How do I make a poster?**

- Preferred size: 24"x36" (however, alternate sizes are acceptable).
- Include the UVM tower logo (see "logo assets").
- If your research was funded, include the appropriate logo and reference in the Acknowledgments.
- Save the final version in a PDF or PowerPoint file (PPT) format.
- For more tips, see "SRC Poster Presentation" PDF on ScholarWorks.

### **How can I prepare for questions?**

Everyone should have an elevator pitch/brief synopsis of their research ready to go. Practicing this 1-3 minute intro of your research with a friend/mentor is the perfect way to gauge what types of questions a viewer might have. Your audience may range from high school students to PhD's in your field.

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