

## Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects (GRaSP) Day

### Call for Nominations – Posters Sub-section

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The University of Houston's Graduate School and the Provost Office are hosting the inaugural University-wide Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects (GRaSP) Day on Friday, October 31, 2014 at the University of Houston, University Center (UC) Ballroom & Theatre. This event is intended to showcase the breadth and depth of groundbreaking research being undertaken by UH graduate students across disciplines, as well as to offer opportunities for cross-disciplinary networking. One of the feature events on this day will be the session featuring 96 poster presentations by advanced graduate students across the university. To set each student up for success at this unique opportunity, the Graduate School and GRaSP committee members will work extensively in the early fall with selected students to train and prepare them. This aspect of the Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects Day is designed to bring forward the very best graduate student representatives from the twelve (12) colleges; the posters will be judged by a panel of external judges.

To advance the selection process, we are seeking eight primary and eight alternate nominations from your College of potential graduate student presenters. These nominations should be sent to the Dean or Graduate Associate Dean of the College for a final decision before sending the information to the UH Graduate School. Ideally, the students nominated will have the following: an area of research considered by the College as interesting and important; strong communication skills; an ability to communicate their information to a lay audience; and the time available in September and October for intensive training, practice and rehearsal before the event. From these nominations, the GRaSP committee will make the final selection of the presenters. Substantial preference will be given to students with advanced standing in their respective programs.

We ask that each College submits the completed nomination packets (see attached form) for each candidate by August 15, 2014. Please e-mail all materials to Peggy Levy at [palevy@central.uh.edu](mailto:palevy@central.uh.edu). Students will be notified about the outcome of the selection process no later than August 30, 2014. Thanks, in advance, for your help with this important selection process. If you have any questions, please contact Princess Ephriam at 713-743-9100 or [plephriam@uh.edu](mailto:plephriam@uh.edu).

## Nomination Package Cover Page and Dean's Endorsement

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**Directions:** Active graduate students in good standing with the College and at advanced stages (to be determined by the College Dean and/or Graduate Associate Dean) of their thesis or dissertation research are eligible for nomination. For each nominee (each College nominates 16 students, 8 primary and 8 alternate), please complete this application form as well as include items 2-5 below.

Checklist to confirm that this Nomination Package is complete by containing the following:

1. Nomination Package Cover Page signed by the Dean (page 1)
2. Nominee's signed Demographic Information (page 2)
3. Nominee's signed Statement of Interest (pages 3-4)
4. Nominee's signed Commitment to Attend Training (page 5)
5. Nominee's signed Media Release Form (page 6)
6. Nominee's current Curriculum Vitae (remaining pages as necessary)

**Once complete with all signatures and all materials, Nomination Packages are to be sent by the Dean or his/her appointee via e-mail attachment to Peggy Levy at [palevy@central.uh.edu](mailto:palevy@central.uh.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2014. Please note that one presenter will be selected from each College.**

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### Dean's Endorsement

I support the nomination of this graduate student for consideration as one of the College's poster presenters at the inaugural University of Houston Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects Day Poster session.

Category (Circle one): Primary or Alternate

Dean's Signature:

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Date:

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**Nominee's Demographic Information**

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**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Advisor(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length of Time at UH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Signature**

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**Date**

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### Poster Information

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**Title:**

**Authors:** (Author 1, Author2)

**Affiliations:** (Affiliation 1, Affiliation 2)

**What is the main contribution of the work presented?** (Maximum 200 characters-no spaces):

**Why are your results important for researchers?** (Maximum 200 characters-no spaces):

**Why are your results important for the general public?** (Maximum 200 characters-no spaces):

**Results:** Add a figure from your results with an appropriate caption

**In your opinion, what are the main challenges presenting a poster?**

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**Commitment to Attend**

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If I am selected as one of my College's representative presented at the inaugural University of Houston Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects Day Poster session, I agree that only adversities presented by personal or family emergency will impede my regular attendance at preparatory sessions on the following dates (location and exact times to be announced):

Tentative Dates for training and preparation\*

Friday, Sept 5 - E-mail with general instructions

Friday Sept 12 - Introductory meeting and workshop on poster design

Friday Sept 19 – Review of first draft of posters

Friday October 3 – Review of second draft of posters

Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> - Workshop on poster presentations

Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> – Review of poster presentations

Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> – Showtime

\* If an individual needs more individual training, they will need to be available for additional time.

**Nominee's Signature:**

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**Date:**

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**CONSENT OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUIRED IF ABOVE INDIVIDUAL IS A MINOR.**

I am the parent and/or guardian of the above minor and hereby consent and agree to the foregoing terms and provisions on his or her behalf.

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Signature

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Date

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