



10th ANNUAL REGIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE (RUSRC)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS "CLIMATE CHANGE AND CHANGING CLIMATES: IMPLICATIONS FOR GENERATION Z AND THEIR VESTED INTERESTS"

April 18, 2020
Clayton Hall Conference Center (lower level)
University of Delaware

The annual *Regional Undergraduate Student Research Conference* consortium invites submissions of proposals/abstracts to its 10th annual interdisciplinary conference to be held at the **University of Delaware**. The focus of this year's theme allows presenters to consider the myriad of ways in which climate change and changing climates are impacting Earth and influencing research and development, activism, and the decisions being made by those concerned (or lack thereof) about the planet's physical, philosophical, and political future. The concerns of these changes give rise to questions that revolve around the interconnected narratives embedded in the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The urgent demands resulting from natural and human disasters call for complementary conversations emerging from the meaningful research that is being conducted in our consortium of universities in the region. Now more than ever, the academy of higher education needs learning environments that accommodate creative thinking, problem-solving, and collaborative engagement.

This conference, therefore, is especially interested in topics that address how learning practices have, can, and/or should accommodate multiple paths of engagement in crisis; that advance the ways in which society benefits from shared learning experiences; that highlight the enriching pathways that are fundamental to sustaining academic growth and learning. The work of your own undergraduate research interests is especially valuable to your peers who, similarly to you, are curious to learn and know more about our rapidly and constant changing world.

All disciplines, ideas, and projects are welcome.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- The role of the humanities (literature, history, religion, the arts, philosophy, and others) in maintaining social stability in the face of natural and/or human disaster past, present, and future.
- The use of stories/narratives to maintain a sense of equilibrium in the face of social upheavals
- How the natural sciences (chemistry, astronomy, earth science, physics, and biology) help to unlock the mysteries of climate change
- What can be learned about human behavior regarding social upheaval through the lens of the social sciences (anthropology, archaeology, economics, geography, politics, psychology, and sociology) and more....

Students can find the "Abstract Form" at the conference's website and submit it at the designated link by **February 22, 2020**. Submissions are on a rolling basis and notification of acceptance are sent out beginning March 16, 2020.

Attendance and participation are free to all presenters. Due to budget limitations, we are unable to cover travel and lodging expenses of presenters.

Best paper and poster competition are awarded as follows:

- 1st Place Paper: \$100
- 2nd Place Paper: \$75
- 3rd Place Paper: \$50
- 1st Place Poster: \$75
- 2nd Place Poster: \$50

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