

Equinox Festival Sustainability Poster Session

Showcasing NGO as well as graduate and undergraduate student research and creative endeavors from sustainability-related disciplines and projects across campus.

We're raising awareness among campus and community members about the vital research and programming taking place in South Texas to strengthen environmental viability. Projects can relate to one or more of the pillars of sustainability: 1) social change, 2) environmental protection, or 3) economic development.

Students can complement classroom-based instruction and get practical understanding about what's being done locally, while expanding their critical and independent thinking, creativity, and problem solving. Session visitors can identify opportunities to support important projects.

EVENT DATE: Friday, September 22, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

UTSA Main Campus, HEB UC Ballrooms

SUBMISSION DATE: Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Eligibility For Participation

If you meet one of the eligibility criteria, you are welcome to register and present at the event:

1. A current UTSA graduate or undergraduate student who completed or is currently working on a research or outreach project related to sustainability. Proposals for future scholarly or communication activity with a faculty mentor are also encouraged.
2. A recent UTSA graduate who completed the research/project in the past year.
3. A member of a South Texas NGO involved in some facet of sustainability interested in showcasing a project or research results.

Presentation Formats

Most submissions will be in a poster presentation format. Posters should be up to 3 feet high by 4 feet wide. You or a representative are asked to remain by your poster for the duration of the presentation session (barring class conflict) from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Alternate presentation formats (for example: a musical performance, exhibition of art or model, recital, multimedia, etc.) may be considered.

- If you already have a poster for your work, you are encouraged to use it for this event.
- You are encouraged to use this [poster template](#). Your faculty supervisor/instructor/advisor/mentor may be able to help you translate your work into a poster format. The UTSA Library or the UTSA Writing Center may be able to assist with the grammar and format of the poster.

Poster suggestions:

1. The template has suggested sections, which you can change to best present your work.

They typically include:

- Brief background/introduction
 - Research Question you addressed
 - Hypotheses tested
 - Brief description of your methodology
 - Brief description of findings, or results, or outcome, or work created, etc.
 - Significance of Results to your discipline and beyond
2. The font size and color on the template is appropriate for this size poster. You may change as needed, of course.
 3. Add visuals such as flowcharts, timelines, graphs, charts, pictures, etc. to help the audience visualize what you have done. No one wants to read and read and read and read...
 4. Show the audience what you did, why you did it, what scholarly outcome (findings, creation, work of art, etc.) resulted, and discuss the outcome within the scope of your field of study and beyond, if applicable.
 5. You might have an abbreviated "References Cited" section with select works listed.

The following examples may help guide your development.

- [General Research Poster Template](#)
- [Community/Service Learning Poster Template](#)
- [Visual Arts Poster Template](#)

Note: You are the best judge as to what poster elements are needed to explain your work to a diverse cross-section of UTSA and community audience members. Please feel free to be creative with the provided poster template.

Please contact equinoxfestival@utsa.edu and keith.muhlestein@utsa.edu to register your poster or exhibit. Include your name, email, phone, and affiliation (college/department).

Learn more about the Equinox Festival at <http://bit.ly/UTSAEquinox>.