

**The Twenty-Second Annual Graduate Research Symposium &
Graduate Research Paper Competition
Information and Instructions**

Thursday, 27 March 2014

University Center
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, North Carolina

The Graduate Research Symposium and the Graduate Research Paper Competition are two separate, but complementary activities. The Symposium is a forum for graduate students to present the results of their graduate research to the Western community. The Research Paper Competition is an opportunity for students to submit research (i.e., written paper, artistic presentation, etc.) for blind review and ranking by Western faculty.

Students may enter either or both the Symposium and Research Paper Competition. A paper entered in the Research Competition must also be presented at the Symposium.

Graduate students wishing to present at the Symposium should submit the Registration Form and upload a 250-300 word abstract (MS Word format) describing the content of the presentation by midnight, **Thursday, 20 February 2014**. In the event a student wishes to present multiple topics at the Symposium, separate registration forms and abstracts should be submitted for each individual presentation.

Presentations are generally scheduled in 20 minute increments, which include the presentation, time for questions, and transition to the next presenter. A PC and digital projector will be provided at each session. Please bring an electronic back-up of your presentation in case of technical difficulty. Please indicate any additional equipment or software needs beyond Powerpoint on the Registration Form.

Graduate Research Paper Competition: Students entering the Graduate Research Paper Competition must upload a copy of their research paper when they submit their registration form and abstract. The registration form, abstract, and research paper must be submitted by midnight, **Thursday, 20 February 2014**. Monetary awards will be presented to the winners of multiple disciplinary categories at the Graduate School Awards Reception on 27 March 2014

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