The University of Houston's Graduate School and the Provost Office are hosting the University-wide Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects (GRaSP) Day on October 30, 2015 (Friday) at the UH Student Center Theater and Ballroom. 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 12 demonstrations/performances by the best and brightest advanced graduate students in the more performative and/or visual subjects. Instead of a typical research presentation format, each student will have 5 minutes to demonstrate/present his/her topic.

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 for competition. 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; these demonstration/performances will be judged by a panel of internal and external judges and taped for future viewing by students and faculty. This event also has a potential to attract local media.

To advance the selection process, we are seeking nominations from your College of potential graduate student speakers for these demonstrations/performances. These nominations should be sent to the Associate Dean responsible for graduate studies for a final decision before sending the information to the UH Graduate School. Ideally, the students nominated will have the following: a performance/demonstration seen 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 twelve students for performance/demonstration. Substantial preference will be given to students with advanced standing in their respective programs.

We ask that each College submit the completed nomination packets (see attached form) for each candidate by May 31, 2015. Please e-mail all materials to gradschool@uh.edu. Selected students will be notified no later than June 2015. 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.
Nomination Package Cover Page and Dean’s Endorsement

Directions: Active graduate students in good standing with the College (to be determined by the College Dean and/or Graduate Associate Dean) are eligible for nomination. For each nominee (each College nominates at least 3 students), 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 2)
2. Nominee’s signed Demographic Information (page 3)
3. Nominee’s signed Statement of Interest (page 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 gradschool@uh.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2015. Please note that one presenter will be selected from each College.

Dean’s Endorsement

I support the nomination of this graduate student for consideration as the College’s performance/demonstration presenter at the 2015 University of Houston Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects Day Demonstration/Performance session.

Dean’s Signature:

Date:
Nominee’s Demographic Information

First and Last Name: __________________________________________________________

Department: ________________________________________________________________

Degree Program: ____________________________________________________________

Academic Advisor(s): _________________________________________________________

Length of Time at UH: _________________________________________________________

E-Mail: _________________________________________________________________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________
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Cell Phone: ________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ______________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Signature
____________________________________________________________

Date
____________________________________________________________
Statement of Interest (to be completed by the graduate student nominee and should not exceed 500 words)

In the space provided below, please address the following: 1. A brief description of your performance/demonstration and its importance to a lay audience; and 2. What you personally would like to gain from participation during GRaSP.
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Commitment to Attend

If I am selected as my College’s representative presented at the 2015 University of Houston Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects Day Performance/Demonstration 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 4 – Introductory meeting and workshop on performances/demonstrations
Friday Sept 11 – Script discussion and performance parameters
Friday October 2- Full demonstration practice
Friday October 23 - Stage rehearsal**
Friday October 30 – Showtime**

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

**If you are not available on these dates you should not apply for this event.

Nominee’s Signature: ________________________________________________

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.

Signature ______________________________ Date ______________________________

Printed or Typed Name ______________________________ Phone ______________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip ______________________________

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