Call for Nominations – GRaSP Talk Sub-section

The University of Houston’s Graduate School and the Provost Office are hosting the University-wide Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects (GRaSP) Day on April 7, 2017 (Friday) at the UH Student Center Theater, Ballroom, and Houston Room. 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 14 presentations by the best and brightest advanced graduate students across the university. Instead of a typical research presentation format, each student will have 10 minutes to talk about his or her research using a style similar to the now ubiquitous TED Talk.

To set each student up for success at this unique opportunity, the GRaSP talk committee members will work extensively in the early Spring 2017 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 colleges that comprise the University of Houston. These talks will be judged by a panel of external judges and recorded 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 three (3) nominations from your College of potential graduate student speakers for these GRaSP talks. 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 February and March for intensive training, practice and rehearsal before the event on the assigned dates. From these nominations, the GRaSP committee will make the final selection of one presenter from each College. 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 November 30, 2016. Please e-mail all materials to gradschool@uh.edu. Students will be notified about the outcome of the selection process in January 2017. 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 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 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 completed 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 November 30, 2016. 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 presenter at the 2017 University of Houston Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects Day GRaSP Talk session.

Dean’s Signature:

Date:
Nominee’s Demographic Information

First Name: ____________________________________________
Last Name: ____________________________________________
Department: ___________________________________________
Degree Program: _______________________________________
Academic Advisor(s): _________________________________
Length of Time at UH: _________________________________
E-Mail: _________________________________
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 research and its importance to a lay audience; (2) What you personally would like to gain from participation on the GRaSP Talk Session; (3) Tiny URLs from three Ted-like talks offered by individuals in your research area; and (4) In your opinion, what are the main challenges in offering a GRaSP Talk?
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Commitment to Attend

If I am selected as my College’s representative presented at the 2017 University of Houston Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects Day GRaSP Talk 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, January 27th - Introduction and all day workshop
Friday, February 10th – Script discussion and testing
Friday, February 24th – Slide completion/Group practice
Friday, March 10th – Full talk practice
Friday, March 17th – Selection of final 12 GRaSP speakers**
Friday, March 24th - Full talk practice for finalists
Friday, March 31st - Stage rehearsal**
Friday, April 7th – Showtime**

Please note that other than Friday, January 27th which is an all-day event, the other training sessions are a much shorter time commitment of 2-3 hours max in the afternoons.

*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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Signature ____________________________ Date __________ Age (if minor) __________

Printed or typed name ____________________________ Phone ____________________________

Address ____________________________ City/State/Zip ____________________________

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 ____________________________

Note: Modification of this Form requires approval of OGC