Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects (GRaSP) Day

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 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 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 Fall 2015 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 September and October 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 May 31, 2015. Please e-mail all materials to gradschool@uh.edu. Students will be notified about the outcome of the selection process in 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 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 May 31st, 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 presenter at the 2015 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 2015 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 August 26 - Introduction and all day workshop
Friday Sept 11 – Script discussion and testing
Friday Sept 25 – Slide completion/Group practice
Friday October 2 – Full talk practice
Friday October 9 – Selection of final 12 GRaSP speakers**
Friday October 16th - Full talk practice for finalists
Friday October 23rd - Stage rehearsal**
Friday October 30th – Showtime**

*Please note that other than Friday 26th 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)

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Printed or typed name

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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

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Address                           City/State/Zip

Note: Modification of this Form requires approval of OGC