

Frequently Asked Questions
Communities of Research: Discovery, Innovation and Entrepreneurship:
Annual Research Exposition
Wednesday, April 9, 2008
Ted Constant Convocation Center, Norfolk, VA

Who can participate?

All members of the university community are invited to attend. Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS), Norfolk State University (NSU) and Old Dominion University (ODU) are partnering again this year for the event. Faculty and students in the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education will also be participating this year; so, posters by faculty and students from various Virginia institutions will be displayed. Six discussion panels will also be part of the program. This event will be open to the public, so spread the word!

How will I know where my poster is to go?

You will be provided a poster number and instructed as to where it will be located via email. Directions to ODU will be provided. Also included in the email is a map of the arena that identifies the poster and demonstration numbers. The NSU point of contact is Dr. Larry Mattix, lmattix@nsu.edu; EVMS point of contact is Dr. Bill Wasilenko, WasileWJ@EVMS.EDU; ODU point of contact is Lee Furr, rfurr@odu.edu. **Presenters must abide by the placement of their posters. Students' posters that are out of the order in which they are placed will not be considered for awards.**

When do I need to plan to put my poster/demonstration up?

POSTERS ASSIGNED DURING THE MORNING SESSION:

Presenters assigned to the Morning Session may set up their posters as early as 7:00 a.m. To be considered for awards by the judging committee, student posters assigned during the Morning Session MUST be set up no later than by 7:45 a.m. Judges will be evaluating student posters between 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Students MUST be standing by their posters from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Faculty posters must be up by 8:30 a.m. At 7:30 a.m., continental breakfast will be provided for those setting up their posters.

POSTERS ASSIGNED DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION:

Presenters assigned to the Afternoon Session may set up their posters between 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon. To be considered for awards by the judging committee, student posters assigned during the Afternoon Session MUST be set up no later than by 12 noon. Judges will be evaluating student posters between 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. Students MUST be standing by their posters between 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. Faculty posters must be up by 12 noon.

How will the posters attach to the poster boards?

We will be renting the poster board display panels from a professional outfit. **All participants will be responsible for bringing their own materials to mount their posters on the supplied poster boards. Everyone must bring clips or pins to mount their posters.** Mounting Velcro is allowed, but **only some poster boards will have cloths to mount Velcro.**

When do I need to take my poster/demonstration down?

Posters during the Morning Session **MUST** be taken down **no later than by 11:30 a.m.** Posters during the **Afternoon Session may be taken down at 5:00 p.m**

What exactly is a “poster session”?

A poster session is a common method used at professional conferences in the realms of sciences, engineering, and education. An individual provides a description of his/her work via visual presentation on a display board. Usually, one of the authors of the presentation is present to discuss his/her work with passers by.

Who will attend?

The event will be open to the public. We hope that the attendance from within the EVMS, NSU and ODU university communities will be large, including faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, and staff. In addition, we will target our regional corporate, governmental and military neighbors (small and large) in technology sectors that are highly research-dependent. We will also invite faculty and students from other educational institutions in the area.

What is the requirement for our presence at the poster?

The poster session takes place between 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. The **panel sessions are from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** This is an excellent opportunity for faculty and students to interact professionally and gain experience in this venue. **All are requested to attend the reception, award ceremony and keynote lecture at 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.**

What do you mean by “demonstration?”

In addition to research posters, demonstrations of projects lend themselves well to public interest. They will be placed around the arena, ringing the poster session. Interactive demonstrations are provided.

How will people find my poster?

A program will be provided that lists all of the posters and demonstrations with the poster numbers and general location. A map of the arena will be provided in the back of the program indicating the location of the posters and demonstrations. A pdf version of the arena will also be available on the Office of Research's website:

<http://www.odu.edu/ao/research/services/research%20expo%202007.htm>

This isn't a question, but I have a class that day!

Bring your students along, if you can. While we understand that this might not be possible due to syllabus constraints, we highly encourage participation in this event by all students and faculty at the institution. If possible, try to integrate your students' attendance with a class assignment or provide extra credit for attendees at the Research Exposition.

Who can I contact about the Research Exposition if I have further needs or questions?

You are welcome to contact Lee Furr, Research Development Coordinator, in the Office of Research at rfurr@odu.edu; or Dr. Kate Ferguson, Director of Research Development, at KFERGUSO@odu.edu. The EVMS point of contact is Dr. Wasilenko, WasileWJ@EVMS.EDU. The NSU point of contact is Dr. Larry Mattix, lmattix@nsu.edu.

As the event date approaches, additional information will be made available either directly (if you are a registrant), through the University Announcement system, or through your university, college and/or department. Keep your eyes and ears peeled!

Thanks for your participation in the Annual Research Exposition