



Best Paper Competition

Guidelines & Information

OVERVIEW

Students whose presentation abstract is accepted are eligible (but not required) to submit an academic essay that formally explains and expands upon the research they are presenting during the TCC Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Best Paper Requirements

Topic, Research, and Formatting

The academic essay must supplement the presentation given during the Symposium. It should be original work, and formally describe the research, present the analysis/findings, and demonstrate an understanding of the impact of the research project.



The essay should include:

- An original thesis statement
- Description of the topic and analysis of the issue
- A clearly organized argument in support of the thesis
- A minimum of seven academic sources appropriate to the topic and discipline; at least one source must come from a periodical database.
- At least seven pages of formal prose analysis (excluding listings of sources)
- Correct and appropriate academic citations and essay formatting in the style appropriate to the academic discipline of the research project; APA for social sciences, MLA for humanities, Turabian/Chicago for history, Scientific citation by field

How to Submit

Students will complete the abstract process for their presentation. In the formal acceptance email, students will be given the submission information for the essay competition. All essays must be emailed to UndergraduateResearch@TCC.fl.edu by the deadline provided in the acceptance email in order to be considered for the Best Paper category.