

# Second Annual Student Research Day for Montana's Two-Year Colleges



## INFORMATION PACKET

**Student Research Day for Montana's Two-Year Colleges** will be a celebration of student research, creative and scholarly activities. It is also an opportunity for students and faculty from multiple two-year institutions to interact with peers in their respective disciplines. Research Day is the premier academic two-year event in our State.

### A. Welcome All!

The **Second Annual Student Research Day for Montana's Two-Year Colleges** (*Research Day*) will be **Friday, April 4, 2014, at City College in Billings**. Montana's two-year programs and their students are invited to participate. **Deadline for registration for the event is Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**. Details follow.

### B. Core Principle

Student research, creative or scholarly activity projects from ALL disciplines are welcome and encouraged. "Research" is sometimes misunderstood as being related only to the so called "hard" sciences. BUT, the term research encompasses all research, creative and scholarly activities. Accordingly, ALL DISCIPLINES WILL BE WELCOME at Research Day – from Anthropology to Zoology – from Construction to Welding – from Accounting to Writing. WE WANT TO CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS' GOOD WORK!

### C. Money/Funding

Making this event a success is more important than the money. Therefore, other than getting your students to Billings and City College, Research Day will not cost your students or your institutions anything. City College will bear costs of the event.

### D. Numbers

- a. Research Day will host a maximum of **60 student-research projects** as follows:
- b. Three projects will be allowed from each of Montana's two-year colleges:  
*Bitterroot College, City College, Gallatin College, Great Falls College, Helena College, Highlands College and Missoula College*
- c. Three projects will be allowed from each of Montana's community colleges:  
*Dawson Community College, Flathead Valley Community College and Miles Community College*
- d. Three projects will be allowed from each of Montana's 4-year schools without a 2-year institution but which have 2-year programs:  
*MSU Northern and UM Western*
- e. Three projects will be allowed from each of Montana's tribal colleges:  
*Aaniih Nakoda College, Blackfeet Community College, Chief Dull Knife College, Fort Peck Community College, Salish Kootenai College, Stone Child College*

- f. General Note: In the event any school does not choose to use each of its possible slots, those slots will be made available for other schools to use.

**E. The Guidelines for the Student Research, Creative or Scholarly Projects**

- a. Any research, creative or scholarly activity involving 2-year students are welcome.
- b. All disciplines are welcome and encouraged to participate.
- c. Projects originating both IN and OUT of the classroom are welcome.
- d. Each student research project must have a Faculty/Staff sponsor.
- e. The Faculty/Staff sponsor will be the primary contact person for the project.
- f. Posters are the recommended manner in which to display projects.
- g. Posters will be need easel stands for display purposes. Posters glued on foam-core board are the best way to prepare posters.
- h. Table space for non-poster projects is potentially available on a very limited basis upon advanced request.
- i. Electrical power is potentially available on a very limited basis upon advanced request.

**F. How Should Projects Be Selected for Research Day?**

Maximum flexibility – Each school may use any process it wishes to select which student research, creative or scholarly projects are featured at Research Day.

**G. Deadlines**

The deadline for submission of Student Project Registration Forms is Friday, March 21st. After that date, any open slots will be available to other participating schools to submit additional projects.

**H. What Happens On Research Day?**

- a. Students will check-in between 8am-9 am and set up their posters/projects by discipline.
- b. Students will view each other's posters and get to know other students.
- c. Poster/project displays will be from 10am-12pm.
- d. Student-researchers will stand next to their posters/projects and discuss them with passing visitors.
- e. Posters/projects will not be judged. This is a celebration – not a competition.
- f. At noon, Keynote Speaker, Nathan Munn, M.D., and lunch.
- g. Research Day will conclude at 1 pm.

**G. Directions to City College:**

Exit I-90 at Zoo Drive Exit # 443. Drive west to Shiloh Road. Drive north in right lane, turn right onto Central Avenue at roundabout. Turn left at City College entrance (just past soccer field). Drive through campus to Health Sciences Building for parking between both buildings. Event is in Room 119.

**H. Wi-Fi with Internet:**

Access will be available for all participants/guests.

**I. For Questions or Information:**

Tim Urbaniak, [turbaniak@msubillings.edu](mailto:turbaniak@msubillings.edu); 406.247.3050

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## STUDENT PROJECT REGISTRATION FORM (one form for each student project)

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary Discipline of Project: (see examples below) \_\_\_\_\_

### Name & Major of Student Researcher(s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Faculty/Staff Sponsor & Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Brief Description of Project (no more than 200 words): ATTACH SEPARATE PAGE

The brief description of the project could include things such as the purpose of the project, the methods used, the conclusions reached, the impact made, etc.

### Special Needs of Projects: ATTACH SEPARATE PAGE LISTING ANY SPECIAL NEEDS

**Electrical power is available on a limited basis upon advanced request.**

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### PLEASE FAX OR SCAN/EMAIL REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS TO:

FAX: 406.247.3014

EMAIL: sheri.steiner@msubillings.edu

## PRIMARY DISCIPLINE EXAMPLES

(These broad category primary disciplines are *not intended to exclude anyone*. Please do not be offended if your specific discipline is not named here.)

**Business** (for example: accounting, business technology, management)

**Education** (for example: curriculum, teaching, administration)

**Fine Arts** (for example: art, design, music, theater)

**Health** (for example: medical assistant, CNA, rad tech, surg tech, nursing)

**Humanities** (for example: history, literature, languages, writing)

**Natural sciences** (for example: biology, chemistry, math, physics, and engineering)

**Social sciences** (for example: psychology, sociology, gerontology, anthropology, political science, criminal justice)

**Trades** (for example: construction, culinary arts, civil engineering technology, drafting, welding, aviation, automotive, energy technology)

## Poster Guidelines

<b>Size limitation:</b>	No greater than 4' x 4' (preferably on foam-core board)
<b>Poster Information:</b>	School name
	Student-researcher name(s)
	Faculty sponsor name
	Title of Project

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<b>For Questions or Information:</b>	Tim Urbaniak <a href="mailto:turbaniak@msubillings.edu">turbaniak@msubillings.edu</a>    406.247.3050 Sheri Steiner, Dean's Administrative Assistant <a href="mailto:Sheri.steiner@msubillings.edu">Sheri.steiner@msubillings.edu</a>    406.247.3003
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3803 Central Avenue, Billings, MT

## **AGENDA Friday, April 4, 2014**

<b>8:00-10:00 am</b>	<b>Check in</b> Refreshments served Posters hung/projects set up Students—researchers encouraged to view other projects and to visit with each other
<b>10:00-12:00pm</b>	<b>Poster/Project Presentations</b> Student-researchers will stand by their poster/projects and be prepared to describe/discuss their poster/project with visitors.
<b>12:00-1:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Luncheon</b> Welcome and Introduction of keynote speaker: Tim Urbaniak Keynote Speaker: Nathan Munn, M.D.
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Research Day Concludes</b>

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**Thank you for making this event a success!  
Research Rocks!**