DEPAUL UNIVERSITY | OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES

Call for Applications: Big East Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium

Description:

The Big East research event will highlight the outstanding work of undergraduate students in faculty-mentored research projects. The poster presenters will represent a variety of disciplines, including natural/physical sciences, social sciences, humanities, engineering, business, and more. DePaul University will select and send 5 students to represent DePaul and present on their research at this event.

Following the symposium, the student presenters will attend the Big East Championship basketball game where the top presenters will be awarded Big East medals during the game.

Logistics:

- March 13, 2027 (travel dates: March 12, 2027 – March 14, 2027)
- Location: New York, New York
- Networking event on evening of March 12, 2027
- Symposium at Madison Square Garden on March 13, 2027
- Championship basketball game at 6:30 on March 13, 2027
- Two DePaul faculty/staff representatives will be in attendance

Estimated Cost:

- DePaul will provide up to $1225 in funding support to compensate for the airfare, lodging, and other transportation costs. Any other associated costs will be funded by the student.

Selection Procedures:

- Eligible students: Students working on faculty-led research project
- Application to Include:
    - 3-minute video
        - Description of research project and your role in the project
        - Must not exceed 3 minutes
    - Written submission (not to exceed 2 pages)
        - Abstract of research project
        - Why do you want to participate in the research symposium?
        - What are your prior experiences in similar research related events and/or poster presentations?
        - What are your career plans/goals?
    - Letter of recommendation from Faculty Mentor/Advisor (not included in page limit)

    - Email application and letter of recommendation as **one PDF file** and the video to academicinnovation@depaul.edu by December 7, 2026

Student Expectations if Chosen:

- Attendance
    - Pre-Symposium meetings
    - Presentation, not to exceed 10 minutes
        - Poster: 3 foot X 4 foot (board provided)
    - Brief Q & A with judges
    - Basketball game with presentation of winners
- Work with Faculty Mentor on poster completion and presentation practice
- Adhere to the travel budget and assume other costs incurred

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- Application Deadline: December 7, 2026 (***Submit to academicinnovation@depaul.edu***)
- Finalists Announced: December 18, 2026
- Finalists Presentation on Research Project to Committee and Select Faculty/Staff: Week of January 11, 2027
- Announcement of Students Selected: January 18, 2027