



RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL

2025 GUIDELINES

About the Event

Research Day at the Capitol was established 30 years ago to showcase the outstanding undergraduate research being conducted at Oklahoma's colleges and universities in the areas of science (including social science), technology, engineering, and mathematics. The prestigious event is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (OK EPSCoR), and the National Science Foundation.

Timeline & Activities

September 30, 2024

Deadline for nominations

Online submission per provided guidelines

November 4, 2024

Student informational training session deadline

Online meeting; Student participation mandatory

November 20, 2024

Revised abstract deadline

December 6, 2024

Poster PDFs and final video presentations are due

January 6, 2025

First Round of Judging Begins

Student video presentations picked for in-person second-round

January 29, 2025

Finalists Contacted

Finalists for second round in-person judging contacted

February 28, 2025

Student informational training session deadline

Online meeting; student participation mandatory

March 19, 2025

Online registration closes (all attendees)

March 31, 2025	Poster PDFs due Note: Printed posters are also required for the event
April 14, 2025	Poster and oral presentation judging Students only; Location TBD, Oklahoma City, OK
April 15, 2025	Research Day at the Capitol State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, OK
April 15, 2025	Research Day at the Capitol Awards Ceremony State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, OK

Nomination Guidelines

Please read this carefully, as the 2025 Guidelines have changed. All Oklahoma colleges and universities are invited to nominate two outstanding research projects conducted by an undergraduate student who is currently enrolled at their institution; the student must remain enrolled as an undergraduate at the nominating institution for the entirety of the Fall 2024 - Spring 2025 semesters. OSU, OU, and TU are allowed additional nominations due to multiple campuses conducting research. (Important: Only one student may be nominated per research project!)

Nomination allocations for the 2025 event are as follows:

- Oklahoma State University – 4
- Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences – 1
- University of Oklahoma-Norman – 4
- University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center – 1
- The University of Tulsa – 2
- All other institutions in the state – 2 each

Student nomination restrictions:

1. The student must be enrolled as an undergraduate at the nominating Oklahoma institution of higher learning for the entirety of the 2024-2025 academic year.
2. The student's research must have originated from an OKLAHOMA institution of higher learning. Research performed at or through institutions outside of Oklahoma may not be presented.
3. The student must be a legal resident of Oklahoma.
4. The student must attend all sessions indicated below. Make-up dates will not be scheduled.
 - First-round informational training session: Presented via video; view in entirety by November 4, 2024.
5. Students selected to continue to the second round of judging must attend all sessions indicated below. Waivers will not be granted; make-up dates will not be scheduled.
 - Second-round informational training session: Presented via video; view in entirety by February 28, 2025.
 - Judging session: April 14, 2025, noon – 5 p.m., Oklahoma City, OK (individually scheduled times)
 - All scheduled Capitol activities, including poster exhibit and awards ceremony: April 15, 2025, 7:30 a.m. –noon

The informational training sessions are designed to inform students of the event's guidelines and to provide recommendations for success. With respect to participants' varying degrees of Wi-Fi connectivity and students' classroom schedules, the sessions will be made available as pre-recorded video meetings. Students must have access to a full-size tablet or computer with audio and internet access to view the videos. Cell phones are not acceptable, as the slides include important content that cannot be read on a phone. Nominated students chosen for the second round of judging who view the video in its entirety by the deadline will receive a \$250 stipend (by mail). The stipend is intended to offset any expenses they may incur as a participant in this event. Participation in all mandatory activities is required to retain the stipend.

Judging Process

All students are required to submit a video presentation component for judging. Judging consists of two rounds; the first round is based solely on the submitted video presentation and will determine who will move forward to the in-person second-round presentations. Judges will view all video submissions within a three-week period and select one submission from each institution to continue to the second round. The second round of judging takes place in person at the Capitol, with results determined from the live individual student poster presentations. Based on the final number of submissions, additional second-round presentation slots may be awarded based on the highest-scoring video submissions across all institutions. *Please note that not all students who submit a video presentation will be selected to present their poster at the Capitol. The number of nomination allocations per institution does not reflect the in-person poster representation for final judging at the Capitol.*

Nomination Instructions – Submission Deadline: September 30, 2024

The following documents must be included with the institution's nomination package and uploaded at the time of submission. *(All documents must be submitted [to the Official Site](#) accurately and completely.)*

1. [Abstract Form](#)
2. Student's Research Project Abstract (developed per Abstract Form guidelines)
3. [Financial Responsibility Form](#) (We will add details for the in-person portion of RDC to this form and will ask for student/nominator signature to signify that they agree with the updated policy)
4. [W9 Form](#)

Nomination packages must be submitted online using the [2025 website link](#). Accuracy of the information provided, especially the students' permanent home and school addresses, is essential, as the information will be used to identify students' state legislators.

For More Information

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Questions and concerns regarding the new judging process will be answered until February 2025.