The Third Annual ESC/BRC Graduate Research Forum will be held on the afternoon of Friday, February 23rd, 2007 in the atrium of the UJ Noblet Forestry Building. The Ecosystem Science Center (ESC), Biotechnology Research Center (BRC) and the School of Forest Resources & Environmental Science (SFRES) invite graduate students conducting research related to Ecology, the Environment or Biotechnology to submit titles and abstracts for poster presentation at the research forum.

The forum allows graduate students working in these fields an opportunity to present their research to their peers and faculty. This will provide a valuable experience for students preparing for posters at regional or national meetings as well as give students well-deserved recognition for their work. The forum also is an excellent setting for students to showcase new results and see what others are doing.

We invite student participants to present their research findings as a research poster. Students are welcome to present advanced or preliminary research (proposals or preliminary data). The poster session will be held in the UJ Noblet Building atrium, with refreshments provided by SFRES. A pizza social will follow.

Prizes will include two Grand Prizes ($500 each) and up to six Merit Awards ($100). Each student may present only one paper but may be included as a co-author on others. Abstracts will be compiled in a Program and Abstracts booklet available electronically prior to the forum.

Abstracts should follow the guidelines outlined on page 2 of this request. They must be submitted electronically to esc@mtu.edu as an attachment in MS Word. The abstract format is standardized for the Graduate Research Forum.

Timeline of events:

- **January 8, 2007**: Call for Abstracts
- **February 2, 2007**: Abstracts due electronically by 5pm to esc@mtu.edu
- **February 22, 2007**: Posters should be displayed by noon for judging
- **February 23, 2007**: Graduate Research Forum 3:00-5pm UJ Noblet Atrium
  - Pizza Social 5-7pm UJ Noblet Atrium
Abstract Format

Please Follow the Instructions carefully!

1. Submit your 200 word abstracts in MS Word format email to the Ecosystem Science Center (esc@mtu.edu) by February 2, 2007 at 5pm.

2. The subject line of the email must include GRF abstract.

3. The abstract should summarize the work to be presented. It should be descriptive and not contain tables, figures, references, acknowledgments, grant support, etc. The abstract of completed research should include brief descriptions of the problem, methods, results and conclusions. Abstract of proposed research should include brief descriptions of the problem, methods or approach planned, and expected results and conclusions.

4. Type size of the abstract should be 12 point Times New Roman.

5. Margins should be set at 1” on all edges.

6. The following format must be followed:

   Paragraph 1: Title, AUTHOR(S)¹, ¹Affiliation(s)
   Title is to be “initial capital” format (i.e., The Rain in Spain Falls Mainly on the Plain)
   All author names are CAPITALIZED with presenter as first author; please spell out first names. Affiliations should include name of institution only.

   Paragraph 2: Abstract text
   The 200 word abstract text should begin on the line immediately following Paragraph 1 with no space or break. The first line is to be indented three (3) spaces. Use full line justification. If abbreviations are used, they should be defined at time of first usage.

   Sample Abstract Format:
   Methods of Skunk Control. JOE B. SKUNKADOBI¹ & MICKEL E. MAX², ¹MTU, ²Oak Ridge National Laboratory
   Skunks can be a nuisance when their territories overlap with those of humans and domestic animals. We investigated three methods of skunk control in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Etc…

7. Abstracts should be received no later than February 2, 2007 to ensure acceptance.

We will publish exactly what you send!