



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual ESC/BRC Student Research Forum

Sponsored by the Ecosystem Science Center, Biotechnology Research Center and School of Forest Resources & Environmental Science

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual ESC/BRC Student Research Forum will be held on the afternoon of **Friday, March 30th, 2012** 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 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 and undergraduate students working in these fields an opportunity to present their research to their peers and faculty. As was the case last year, undergraduate researchers being advised by BRC or ESC members are also welcome to participate in a separate division. The forum provides valuable experience for students preparing for poster sessions 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 encouraged 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 One Grand Prize and up to four Merit Awards for each Center for the graduate division and one grand prize for the undergrad division.** 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](mailto:esc@mtu.edu) as an attachment in MS Word with the file labeled as follows "Yourlastname\_SRF\_2012". The abstract format is standardized for the Student Research Forum.

### **Timeline of events:**

- February 24, 2012: » Abstracts due electronically by noon to [esc@mtu.edu](mailto:esc@mtu.edu)
- March 29, 2012: » Posters should be displayed by noon for judging
- March 30, 2012: » Student Research Forum **3:00-5pm** UJ Noblet Atrium  
» Pizza Social 5-7pm following forum

## **Abstract Format**

Please Follow the Instructions carefully!

1. Submit your abstracts in MS Word format email to the Ecosystem Science Center (esc@mtu.edu) by Feb 24th, 2012 by noon. Do not exceed 300 words.
2. The subject line of the email must include your name + SRF abstract. The file with abstract should be labeled as follows Yourlastname\_SRF\_2012.docx
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)<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Affiliation(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 300 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. SKUNKADOBI<sup>1</sup> & MICKEL E. MAX<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>MTU, <sup>2</sup>Oak 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. Each method was employed etc...

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