

STARK STATE COLLEGE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM – CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

An abstract is a brief summary of the project you intend to present. For the Stark State Symposium, it must be 100-200 words. It is required that your project supervisor review your abstract before you submit it.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Although the content will vary according to field and specific project, all abstracts, whether in the sciences or the humanities, convey the following information:

- ✓ *Introductory sentence(s) (1-2 sentences):* Provide some background and/or a rationale for the project. What is the purpose or scope of the project? What is the main argument/thesis/claim?
- ✓ *Result(s) (2-3 sentences):* Choose your most significant findings and describe them briefly. What did you accomplish? What is most important for people to know about your project?
- ✓ *(If applicable) General methods/procedures/approaches used (1-2 sentences):* Provide specific methods, procedures, or approaches utilized in the project. How did you perform the study? What methods did you use to achieve your results?
- ✓ *Conclusions or implications (1-2 sentences):* What can you conclude from your study? What are the *implications? What do they mean?*

The abstract for demonstration or performance project should include the form, motivation, and interpretation of the project. How do you plan to present your work? What compelled you or inspired you to create this work? If applicable, what were the materials used? If applicable, what technology/software was used? What message or objective does the work carry? Is there a reaction or response the work is intended to elicit? For narrative works or creative writing, what is the synopsis of the story?

SAMPLE ABSTRACT

“The Xi Zeta TriBeta Club of SSC will demonstrate blood typing through a CSI experiment. Within this experience, we will teach the participants about antigens, antibodies and a process called agglutination. With understanding these items participants will learn how to determine a person’s blood type using simulated blood and antibodies (non-biological and non-hazardous). The demonstration will be delivered in two parts. Part one, the demonstrators will explain how blood typing works, and introduce the CSI case titled “The Band-Aid and the Pink Panther”. During part two, the participants will use their mock CSI kits containing four simulated blood samples and antibodies to determine the four suspects blood types. The last part will be determining the culprit by comparing the suspect’s samples with the sample collected from a Band-Aid left at the crime scene.”