MURALS
MULTICULTURAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
ART AND LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Informational
What is MURALS??
The Multicultural Undergraduate Research, Art, and Leadership Symposium is...

- A research Symposium space and place targeted towards undergraduate students of color, though all students are welcome
Why Participate in MURALS?

- Meet other diverse students and build community!
- Increase communication skills!
- Develop and strengthen research experience!
- Showcase your creative work!
- Increase professional interaction!
- Learn what it takes to a successful multicultural leader!
- HAVE FUN!!!!!!
What is FYS Academy?

- First Year Scholars program brings first year first time undergraduate students out of the classroom and immerses them into undergraduate research opportunities that allows for the educational experience to come to life!
Why Become a First Year Scholar?

- Research Experience
- Stipend
- Immersive Field Experience
What Will I Do?

Opportunities include:

• Research labs
• Data collecting
• Project Development
• Surveying
• Literature reviews
• Field work in the great outdoors
• And soooo much more!
Example: “Catch the Flow”

Stream Tracker

- FYS scholars collected and analyzed data in Stream Tracker along the Poudre River and Spring Creek trails in Fort Collins.
Example Research Topics of Interest

College of Agricultural Science: Influence of nutrition on beef cattle production

College of Business: College of Business Diversity Audit

College of Liberal Arts: Intersection of Name-Image Likeness policy and Black athletes in Intercollegiate Athletics. Race, Violence and Identity: A history of Immigrant Colorado (1870s-1920s).

College of Natural Sciences: Conservation Genomics of Migratory Birds

Cybersecurity
Embedding introductory research and problem solving skills in the chemistry first year seminar curriculum
Nanomaterials for energy technologies
Skeletal muscle adaptations of animals
Teaching the Diversity that is: studying the impact of a more inclusive and queered biology course
What does it look like to be in FYS?

- Document 4-6 Hours per week
- Attend MURALS FYS community meetings
- Submit stipend effort weekly (required by student employment)
- Present in MURALS 2023!
Apply for First Year Scholars!

Spots in your top research areas are going fast!
Decisions are going out on a rolling basis, but why not secure your spot now?
Application closes September 2nd

Scan QR code or visit https://murals.colostate.edu/fys-academy/scholar-sign-up/
PRESENT YOUR FYS PROJECTS AT MURALS!

FYS ends December, MURALS is in March, you’re already done!
What Can Students Present at MURALS?

- A passion project
  - Hobby/interest/etc
- A current or previous school project
- Current or previous research
- Ideas and outline for research you’re going to or want to do (a proposal)
- Study abroad/service learning/community service projects.
What are the Submission Categories?

• Creative Arts
• Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM)
• Service Learning & Leadership
• Social Sciences & Humanities
• Innovation and Entrepreneurship
• Enhancer element: Social Justice & Inclusion
Awards

1. OVERALL WINNER: $1000

2. A First Place ($750), Second Place ($500), and a Rising Star ($250) will be awarded for each of the submission categories

3. Social Justice & Inclusion Award ($250)
What Do I Need to Prepare?

1. An Abstract Submission to Register
   A ~250 word description of your project!

2. A Large-Scale Poster:
   3 feet by 4 feet (or 36 inches by 48 inches) in either orientation
   Printed at the library the week of MURALS

3. An Oral Presentation
   10 minute overview of your project/ work, presented at MURALS
WE GOT Y’ALL!

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