Purpose

The Annual Department of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Symposium will provide criminal justice majors and minors with an opportunity to showcase research and lessons learned from internships and other experiential learning activities. The Symposium provides opportunities for students to display and discuss their work in a professional setting.

Save the Date

The Symposium will be held on Friday April 17, 2020 in Hodge Hall 1059

Informational Questions

a) Who is eligible to present?

Any undergraduate student pursuing a major or minor in criminal justice at IUB.

b) What would I present?

Presentations are expected to be based on research projects/papers associated with a class or an internship experience. Students may build presentations around a research paper, a thesis, an independent study, an internship, or any other experiential learning project.

c) Does my project have to be completed by the time I present?

No. Presentations can be based on either completed or on-going work.
d) Can a group of us present a project that we worked on together?
Yes; group projects are welcome.

e) I am not exactly sure what I am expected to do, can I get help?
Yes; once papers/posters are accepted, we will arrange for help session(s). In the meantime, if you have questions about the application, contact Marla Sandys (msandys@indiana.edu), being sure to include SYMPOSIUM in the subject line.

f) How do I apply?
The Department of Criminal Justice website will provide a link to an online application. Until then, contact Marla Sandys (msandys@indiana.edu), being sure to note SYMPOSIUM in the subject line. She will provide you with an application form. Applicants will be asked to provide:

- an abstract (brief summary) of their intended presentation
- name and contact information (including that of any mentor/sponsor)
- a preference of presentation format, either a talk or a poster

g) What is an abstract?
An abstract is a summary paragraph of what you plan to present. Your abstract should include sufficient information for reviewers to understand the nature and significance of your project. Your abstract should be no more than 250 words. PLEASE NOTE: Abstracts will be published in the Symposium Proceedings. Therefore, you should submit a high quality version approved by a faculty mentor or the Symposium Coordinator.

h) When are applications due?
Applications will be accepted on a rotating basis. The earlier an application is submitted, the more time/help presenters can receive from the Symposium Committee.

i) How much time will be allowed for the talk?
Presenters will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to give their presentation. Power Point slides are welcome. There will be a 10-15 minute Q & A period at the end of each panel of presentations.
j) **What is involved in presenting a poster?**

Presenters who elect to present a poster will be expected to provide a clear, organized, visually engaging presentation of their research or experiential learning activity. Time during the Symposium will be allocated to a poster session where attendees will walk around and talk with presenters about their projects.

k) **Who should attend the symposium?**

Students, faculty and staff from across campus are all welcome. Symposium participants will be encouraged to invite friends, family and mentors.

l) **Will any awards be presented at the Symposium?**

Yes. A Symposium committee will provide awards for the best research presentations, internship/experiential learning presentations, and posters.