Attention all Undergraduate Students!!!

The call for abstracts for the Undergraduate Research Symposium has begun. Submit an abstract before March 1st, at 5pm to be considered for this year’s symposium. Every undergraduate in any discipline is invited to submit an abstract detailing his or her research. All accepted abstracts will be presented in an oral poster presentation at URS 2001. Awards will be given to the best presentations in each category.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium is a multi-disciplinary research symposium for all undergraduates currently attending UIC. Any student who has completed any research is invited to try out. All majors are invited and welcomed to apply to present for $400, $200, and $100 handed out to the best poster presentation in each category.

When is the Undergraduate Research Symposium?

- The Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held on April 13th, 2001 from 9am-5pm in the Illinois Room of CCC. Student presentations will be spaced throughout the day, with a break in between morning and afternoon sessions for a formal luncheon for the participants and mentors. An awards ceremony and keynote speech will culminate the event.

What qualifies as research?

- Any study completed by you alone or a team of people. ENGL161 papers, Senior Design projects, Independent studies, any paper you have written, are writing, or are thinking of writing in one of your courses; all are eligible to present.

What is an abstract?

- An abstract is a short introduction to a paper or poster, about 250 words long, describing your project. It is essentially a short introduction to the methods, previous research, future research, results and significance of your work. If the research has not been yet conducted, the abstract should indicate the issue and question your interest to raise. An explanation of what an abstract is composed of can be viewed at this link: http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~koopman/essays/abstract.html

- Abstracts are due March 1st, 2001 at 5pm. They can be turned in to the abstract box outside room 410UH. There will be an information session held on February 14th from 3:00pm - 4:30pm in room 613CCC entitled “How to Write an Abstract” for students seeking guidance. The session will review the components of an abstract and aid students with writing samples. Students chosen to present will be notified by March 8th, 2001.