Guidelines

* Information should be typed in MS word or compatible word processing software
* You should submit an abstract from work done this summer
* 250 words maximum for each abstract including title, dept., and name information etc. It is okay if the abstract is less than 250 words.
* No graphics or schema (charts)
* Approval from your Principal Investigator (PI) before presenting your abstract

Abstract Content

* Title of project
  + Bold the title
  + Add a line space before the line that has the student’s name
* Scholar’s name
  + PLEASE ADD A COMMA FOLLOWING THE SCHOLAR’S NAME
  + First name, middle initial, and last name
  + Bold the scholar’s name
    - Example: Peter L. Tovar,
    - NOTICE that the comma is included
* Mentor’s name
  + First name, middle initial, and last name
  + Two mentor limit per abstract (pick the mentor/s with whom you worked the most on this project)
  + If mentor has Ph.D. or M.D., then make sure to put a comma after the name with the appropriate “PhD” or “MD” after their name (do not put periods in between the individual characters—this way we can save some space)
* The name of the school or department followed by a comma and then the campus name
  + do not include the word “department” but you can include school such as “School of Engineering”
  + If your mentor has two schools/departments then please use the following as an example:
    - Student name, mentor name 1, department name 1; department name 2
    - Note the use of the semi-colon
  + If your student has two key mentors (remember two mentor limit per abstract) then please use the following as an example:
    - Student name, mentor name 1, department name 1; mentor name 2, department name 2
    - Note the use of the semi-colon
  + Do not put a period after the scholar, mentor, and campus information

Helpful Links:

<https://vimeo.com/3968357>

ABSTRACT FORMAT

* Formatting and organization information
  + Use upper and lower case for everything (title, name, abstract body, etc.)
  + 12 pt font
  + Single spaced
  + Times New Roman font
  + Spell checked
  + No centering, everything left align
  + Spacing
    - Add a line space between the abstract title and scholar name
    - Add a line space between the scholar name info (name, mentor, dept., and campus) and their abstract
  + Special characters (commonly used for Chemistry and Math abstracts)
    - Special characters should be used from the symbol menu of times new roman
    - This gives you symbols and special characters that you can use.
* Body of the research abstract – active voice, third person
  + Intro (Why component – significance, rational of study)
  + Hypothesis or statement about the problem under investigation (What did YOU do as a student for this research project?)
  + A statement or the experimental methods/material used (the HOW)
  + Results provided in summary form (even if preliminary)
  + Conclusion (Take home message)

ABSTRACT EXAMPLE

Word count = 178 (each submission can have up to 250 words total)

**PKCη Cleavage, Localization and its Role in Pro-B Cell Apoptosis**

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Proper regulation of apoptosis is essential for lymphocyte development and failure to remove abnormal early progenitors can lead to cancer. Developing pro-B cells which assemble a functional Immunoglobulin heavy chain and pre-BCR survive and differentiate to the pre-B stage, while cells that do not are removed by apoptosis. PKCη is differentially expressed and cleaved in pro-B and pre-B cells and a truncated constitutively active PKCη (T-CF) induces apoptosis in pro-B cell lines, suggesting that PKCη may play an important role during the pro-B to pre-B transition. PKCη (80-kDa) is cleaved to a 50-kDa catalytic fragment in response to apoptosis and this cleavage is thought to be caspase-3 dependent. Mutation of the putative caspase-3 cleavage site (NKVD) results in a non-cleavable form of PKCη. PKCη is located in cytosolic and nuclear fractions; however, upon cleavage the 50-kDa catalytic fragment localizes almost exclusively to the insoluble nuclear fraction.