

121ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

CALL FOR PAPERS

April 13-14, 2012

Hosted by

Ashland University, Ashland

Theme: *Undergraduate Research*

Abstract Deadline

Postmarked by November 7, 2011



About the Annual Meeting

THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE'S ANNUAL MEETING is for academic, governmental, and industrial scientists and engineers, university and pre-college educators, and pre-college, undergraduate, and graduate students, and interested lay citizens in the Ohio region. Annually the several hundred scientific presentations are complemented by workshops, symposia, an All-Academy Lecture, and field trips on local geology and plant sciences.

Call for Papers

WHATEVER YOUR SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS this *Call for Papers* is your invitation to participate in the 121st Annual Meeting of The Ohio Academy of Science to be hosted by Ashland University, Ashland, on April 13-14, 2012. Poster and podium sessions will be on Saturday, April 14. Two basic options are available to present papers: (1) professionals, college students of all levels, and pre-college students who have completed research may submit an abstract; (2) college undergraduates only, may submit an Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summary. Undergraduates also may submit an abstract if research results are included.

All abstracts and summaries will be peer-reviewed. Acceptable abstracts and summaries will be published in the Program Abstracts issue of *The Ohio Journal of Science* to assure that researchers across Ohio, elsewhere in the United States, and in dozens of foreign countries will have access to your work. The *Journal* also will publish Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summaries. Symposia, workshops and field trips may be arranged by special permission. Research papers are welcome in **ALL FIELDS** of science, engineering, technology, education and their applications.

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Our Host

FOUNDED IN 1878, Ashland University is a private, comprehensive institution committed to challenging and supporting students intellectually, spiritually, socially, culturally and physically. Located midway between Cleveland and Columbus off I-71, Ashland University is home to 2,200 full-time undergraduate students. Eighty-five percent of these students are from Ohio, while students also come from 27 other states and 31 countries. The University's total enrollment is 6,300 students, and this includes graduate programs in business, education and theology and the off-campus centers in Cleveland, Columbus, Mansfield, Massillon and Elyria. In addition to its traditional undergraduate studies, AU offers alternative programs for adults and non-traditional students through the Founders School of Continuing Education. Degree completion, Associate degree, CEUs, and non-degree opportunities are available through a flexible format that includes online and evening classes. Post Secondary Education Option and Early College experiences are also available through the Founders School. Complementing the undergraduate program is a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, a Master of American History and Government; a Master of Business Administration degree; a Master of Education degree; a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership; masters degrees and a Doctor of Ministry degree through the Ashland Theological Seminary; an RN to BSN Track for registered nurses; and a Bachelor's Plus program for students with a non-education degree who want to teach.

Please complete and return the Submission form and your abstract POSTMARKED by Monday, November 7, 2011.

How to prepare an ABSTRACT for peer review.

AN ABSTRACT MUST BE PREPARED for each paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting. An abstract is a concise summary of the educational, scientific, engineering, or technological research contents of the paper, and not merely a general description of what the paper is about. Tell what the specific facts are, not what they are going to be when you talk. Quality abstracts are highly structured and contain all of the following elements: (1) background or introduction including goals, objectives, purpose, problem and hypothesis, (2) methods and materials, (3) results, data or observations, and (4) discussion or conclusion(s). **Phrases like "will discuss, will review, will talk about, or will present" are unacceptable in an abstract.** All important facts should be stated with brevity, but not such sparing use of words as to leave ambiguity. Abstracts should be 250 words or

fewer. Tables and graphs should not be included. New techniques or new apparatus and their functions should be mentioned. New constants, critical data or formulae should be included. Names of new species should not be listed in the abstract; use full scientific names for all organisms. **Use the term "significant" only if you state the statistical test(s) used.** Always define the sample(s), population or trials (N=?). The value of abstracts is real and considerable, not only for those in attendance, but also for others unable to attend. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed. Acceptable final abstracts—to be submitted by Email when requested—will be published in the program abstracts issue of *The Ohio Journal of Science* and shall be presented by the first author. The first author of multi-authored abstracts must obtain permission from all authors to submit the content of the abstract.

How to prepare a College Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summary.

IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE the entry of college undergraduate students into the professional world of education, science, engineering, technology, or their applications, The Ohio Academy of Science has adopted the following policy and procedures to accept and publish summaries of college undergraduate research-in-progress in lieu of abstracts for the Annual Meeting. Papers, based on the student's research, may be presented in either podium or poster format. Undergraduates whose research is unfinished by the abstract submission deadline may submit an Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summary in lieu of an abstract. This summary is a statement following the general typing and submission instructions for an abstract.

The summary shall contain the following elements: (1) background or introduction including goals, objectives, purpose, problem and hypothesis, (2) methods and materials, and (3) if available, initial observations. **Phrases like "will discuss, will review, will talk about, or will present" are unacceptable in a summary.** All important facts should be stated with brevity, but not such sparing use of words as to leave ambiguity. Summaries should be 250 words or fewer. Tables and graphs should not be included. New techniques or new apparatus and their functions should be mentioned. New constants, initial critical data, if available, or formulae

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Formatting and Mailing Instructions**Content of Abstract**

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- methods & materials;
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