



Call for Abstracts Deadline: December 1, 2009

The Career Development Center in conjunction with the Graduate School, is presenting:

FROM ABSTRACT TO CONTRACT:

The Third Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium & Career Networking Event Sponsored by the Office of the Provost

Take advantage of this excellent opportunity to develop a poster presentation, practice your presentation skills in front of real judges, and win some prizes along the way.

Eight winners of the poster competition will receive \$100, a plaque recognizing their accomplishment, free business cards and their posters will be displayed at the Awards Ceremony.

Research areas are:

- Agriculture
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Humanities
- Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Social Sciences

Congratulations to the 2008 Abstract to Contract Winners:

- Agricultural and Life Sciences: Koteswara Ananthamurthy
- Education: Audrey Stone
- Engineering: Sachin Terdalkar
- Physical Sciences: Ahmed El Shafie
- Social Sciences: Kristin Krueger

This is a four-part event for graduate student participants and includes:

- Workshop on Preparing your Research for Presentation (October 27, 2009)
- Workshop on Presenting your Research in a Formal Setting (January 2010)
- Poster Presentation/Competition – practice presenting your poster in a formal conference atmosphere, judged by faculty and graduate students in your general research area, with the public invited to view posters as well. (February 12, 2010)
- Career Development Networking Event and Awards Ceremony – learn about finding a job after graduation, networking tips, interview advice, developing your “30-second commercial” - Winning posters will be displayed at the reception. (February 24, 2010)

Students must submit their registration and abstract online at the Career Development Center website (<http://career.uark.edu>) by **Tuesday, December 1**.

For complete, up-to-date information, poster presentation instructions and to register, please go to the Career Development Center website at <http://career.uark.edu>. Click on the “From Abstract to Contract” link on the main page. If you have any additional questions, contact Diane Cook at the Graduate School (dlcook@uark.edu) or Crystal Hunnicutt at the Career Development Center (chunnicu@uark.edu).

Upcoming Events

10/26/09 - 6:00-8:00PM

Pathways to Possibilities
Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House

10/27/09 - 3:00-5:00PM

Preparing Your Research for Presentation, ARKU 509-510

11/03/09 - 5:00-8:00PM

The “BIG Event”
Arkansas Union Ballroom

12/01/09 - Deadline to submit Abstract for Poster Contest on

What can the University Career Development Center do for you?

- Help you develop professional knowledge and skills with the Professional Development Institute (PDI)
- Provide individualized services, including resume/vita reviews, and negotiating job offers
- Provide assistance in learning to market your skills
- Provide interviewing and practice (mock) interviewing opportunities
- Provide many opportunities to connect with potential employers, including eRecruiting
- Provide seminars and online presentations created to help polish your skills and prepare you for graduation
- Create a connection between academia and employment