CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

Submission Deadline has been extended to November 9, 2012

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CHC CONFERENCE?

To apply to the CHC Student Research Conference, you are required to submit:

- 1. Title
- 2. Proposal Description -- brief 25-word description for the conference program.
- 3. Proposal Abstract -- detailed 250-word summary.
- 4. Be sure to include the following as well:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Your faculty advisor's name
 - c. Format of presentation: poster or oral presentation

Composing Titles

The title is an important part http://www.ncspod.org/?q=node/785of an abstract and should be both original and informative. The title that you choose for your initial Proposal Description should then be used for you Proposal Abstract. The title words are not included in the word count. The goal of the title is simultaneously to *interest* your audience and to *inform* them of the topic of your presentation. One effective strategy is to use a two-part title in which the main title is intriguing and suggestive while the subtitle is informative (or *vice versa*), such as "Taking Home the Prize: How to Write a Winning Abstract."

25-Word Proposal Description:

The Proposal Description should be a concise single sentence articulating the thesis, hypothesis, or purpose of your presentation or poster. Because this description will appear in the conference program, this sentence should—in conjunction with the title—aim both to *intrigue* and to *inform* conference attendees so that they will desire to come hear *your* presentation or to view *your* poster! Use active, vivid language, and be clear. If you have already finished your research or project and therefore know your conclusion, attempt to assert a definite claim rather than simply alluding to the fact that you will do so once your research or project is completed. In the examples below, the "less effective" description offers very little to interest the reader since the actual content of the writer's "learning" is not specified. The "more effective" example, by contrast, attracts the reader with concrete assertions based upon the outcome of the writer's research.

Less effective: Behind the Scenes at the Zoo: In this presentation, I will talk about what I learned about animal behavior from a recent trip to the Los Angeles Zoo.

More effective: Behind the Scenes at the Zoo: While captivity can impede animals' natural behaviors and create behavioral disorders, properly structured zoo environments can effectively stimulate species-appropriate behavior and mitigate animals' stress.

250-Word Proposal Abstracts:

The Proposal Abstract should begin with a sentence designed to intrigue your reader and to introduce your topic. (This opening sentence may be, but is not required to be, the same sentence used in your 25-word Proposal Description.) You should clearly articulate your thesis, hypothesis, or purpose towards the beginning of the abstract and should continue with a fuller account of your proposal.

Submission

Please submit your Title, Proposal Description, and Proposal Abstract to honors@craftonhills.edu by November 9, 2012.