Faculty/Graduate Student/Staff FAQs

What is CURC?
CURC is the annual Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity showcase held each April at Colorado State University. The event culminates in an awards ceremony that recognizes all participants and honors exceptional work in various awards categories.

When and where is CURC 2024?
CURC 2024 will be a hybrid event. The in-person event will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2024 (9:30am-4:45pm) in the Lory Student Center. The virtual event will be held through Symposium leading up to and following April 15th.

What is Symposium?
Symposium is the online platform that will be used for CURC 2024. All students and judges participating in the showcase must register through Symposium. Posters, talks, and other projects will be available on the platform for the public to view, including any family and friends who cannot attend the event in person!

How can I participate?
We hope all faculty, graduate students and staff will encourage their undergraduate students to submit research and creative work to present. Categories for submission include: Research Posters, Community Engagement (Service-Learning) Posters, Visual Art, Performing Art, Oral Presentations, and Written Work. We also hope you will encourage students in your classes to attend the event on April 15. Lastly, you can register to judge for a variety of awards that are offered. Judges can register through Symposium: https://symposium.foragerone.com/

How do I direct students to participate?
Students must register in order to present; they do not need to register to attend. Registration is now open on the Symposium site and closes a couple weeks before the event. We have all deadlines and dates on the CURC website: tilt.colostate.edu/oura/current-students/showcase/curc/ All-campus emails will be sent out with more specific dates and information, so stay tuned! When they register, students must include a 250-word abstract of their work or project. Final Written Works submissions are due earlier than all other submissions, as judges need additional time to review these works. Virtual submissions for Posters, Oral Presentations, Performing Art, and Visual Art are typically due at least one week prior to the in-person event. Students can submit here: https://symposium.foragerone.com/csu-curc-showcase-2024/submission

Why should I be a judge?
CURC relies on faculty, grad students, staff and community members to judge for various awards. As a judge, you get a front-row perspective on the incredible work produced by undergraduates at CSU. You will be assigned a manageable number of submissions to judge. Writing competition judges will get at least 2 weeks to submit their scores. All other judges are expected to attend the in-person CURC event and will complete all judging at that event.

How do I sign up to be a judge?
Recruitment is now open! You will be able to indicate your preference for the category that you wish to judge (poster/art, oral, and/or written) and the times you are available. Sign up on the symposium site: symposium.foragerone.com/csu-curc-showcase-2024/recruitment

Do I have to register if I’m not judging but want to attend?
No. The event will be open to the public and anyone can view the submitted material virtually on the Symposium event site or in person at the LSC.