

**Second Student Research Symposium  
Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists (PRSM)  
American Society for Microbiology (ASM) – Local Branch**

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

The PRSM will publish the qualified abstracts in the activity program. In order to incorporate your abstract and author's information, we ask that you format and submit your abstract using the following guidelines:

1. Use Times New Roman, 12 point font.
2. Use 1-inch margins on all borders.
3. Text should be single-spaced.
4. Left justify with indentations for new paragraphs.
5. Abstract text should contain **no more than 250 words** and it must fit into the text box provided, including tables and graphics.
6. The preferred file format is Microsoft Word '95 Version 7.0 or higher.
7. Abstract title should be **Mixed Font** and **bold** typed.
8. Presenting author's should be in *italics* and identified by an asterisk (\*)
9. Authors' academic affiliation, city, and state should follow each name.
10. Format your abstract as shown below:

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**Abstract Title**

*Presenting Author's Name\**, Academic Affiliation, City, State  
Co-Author's Name, *Academic Affiliation*, City, State  
Co-Author's Name, *Academic Affiliation*, City, State

Briefly introduce the research topic. List the study objective(s) to explain the rationale for conducting the study. Indicate the study methods, results and conclusions. State the relevance of the study and any future work that may ensue as a result of this work. The funding source must be acknowledged at the end of the abstract.

Abstract text **should not contain more than 250 words**. Abstracts exceeding the provided text box space in the online form (including title, authors' names, affiliations and text) will not be accepted. Do not include tables, graphics and references in the abstract.

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**Abstracts will only be accepted by electronic submission** to the following address:

[http://www.biology.uprm.edu/symposium\\_microbiology.php](http://www.biology.uprm.edu/symposium_microbiology.php) The main author of the abstracts selected for an oral or poster presentation will be **notified by e-mail on the first week of November, 2013**.

Although both graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentations, only graduate students can present orally. Please indicate whether you are submitting an abstract for an oral or poster presentation.

**Abstract Deadline:** All abstracts should be received **no later than midnight of October 25, 2013**. The main authors of those abstracts selected for oral and poster presentations will be **notified by e-mail on the first week of November, 2013**. Questions should be directed to [rtosado@gmail.com](mailto:rtosado@gmail.com) or [luis.rios5@upr.edu](mailto:luis.rios5@upr.edu)

## ORAL PRESENTATION INSTRUCTIONS \*

**Only graduate students are invited to participate in oral presentations.** Oral presentations should cover an introduction, followed by the methodology, results and discussion. The presenter is expected to clearly state the research rationale and hypothesis within the introduction, and the future directions of their project as part of the discussion.

Presenters should not exceed fifteen (15) minutes of talking time. A five (5) minutes questions session will follow every oral presentation. The judges evaluating oral presentations are advised to take into consideration time constraints as part of their evaluation.

Invited speakers must bring their presentation in Power Point format (PPT) and in a USB portable device. A computer will be available for oral presenters to use, but presenters are advised to bring their own laptop computers as a back-up plan.

## POSTER INSTRUCTIONS \*

**Both graduate and undergraduate students are invited to present their research in poster format.** Posters may have a maximum size of 42 inches tall and 48 inches wide. Posters smaller than this maximum size are acceptable. The judges evaluating poster presentations are advised to take into consideration the instructions provided on poster dimensions, as part of their evaluation.

Posters must have the following parts: Title (sentence case), *author's Name*, coauthor's Name(s), Affiliations, City and State as in the Abstract; Introduction; Materials and Methods; Results; Discussion; Literature cited; Acknowledgments.

Presenters should hang their posters from **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Poster presenters are expected to display their posters for the full time of the poster session and are required to be available for questions from the judges, upon request. Mounting materials for the posters will be provided on site by the PRSM.

\* Awards will be given at the end of the day to the best oral and poster presentations, as selected by a panel of experts. Only one oral or poster presentation per student will be accepted.