FAQ: How to Apply to Participate in the Student Scholar Showcase

Q1: What is the WKU Student Scholar Showcase?
A: The WKU Student Scholar Showcase is an event where students present their research or creative activities.

Q2: How do I apply to participate in the Student Scholar Showcase?
A: Students must submit an abstract summarizing their research or creative activity. Each student can serve as the primary author/presenter on one presentation.

Q3: What should the abstract include?
A: An abstract is a one-paragraph summary that includes:
- An introduction with the research question or project goal or intent
- Methods or approach used
- Results or findings
- Discussion of significance and conclusions
The emphasis on these components may vary by discipline.

Q4: What types of presentations are accepted?
A: Presentations can take the form of an oral paper, poster/exhibit/display, performance, or video.

Q5: What should the abstract include?
A: Abstracts are limited to 200 words (avoid special characters when possible). Students should work with their faculty mentors to create the abstract.
The abstract also includes:
- Title of the presentation
- Type of presentation (oral paper, poster/exhibit/display, performance, video)
- Subject area (e.g., business, health & human services)
- Contact information for the primary author-presenter, faculty mentor, and co-presenters/co-authors.

Q6: The submission form asks for Primary Author-Presenter. What does this mean?
A: The Primary Author-Presenter is the student who presents the work at the Showcase and is the main point of communication with Showcase organizers. In addition to presenting at the Showcase, the Primary Author-Presenter is also responsible for communicating information sent by Showcase organizers to their co-presenters and/or co-authors.

Q7: Can other students be involved in the presentation?
A: Yes, up to four additional students can serve as co-presenters. Students and faculty/staff who contributed to the project but are not presenting can be listed as co-authors (up to six).

Q8: How do I submit my abstract?
A: Students should submit their abstracts online using the online portal:
https://www.wku.edu/showcase/abstract/
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Q9: Do I need my faculty mentor's approval to submit my abstract?
A: Yes. After the student submits the abstract using the online portal, the faculty mentor will be notified to review and approve it. Only abstract submissions approved by faculty mentors will be considered for acceptance.

Q10: Can I modify or delete my submission?
A: Yes, students can modify or delete their submissions before the submission deadline by logging in with their Net ID and password here: https://webapps.wku.edu/showcase/ Revisions will require re-approval from the faculty mentor.

Q11: What is the deadline to submit an abstract?
A: The submission deadline for the 2025 Student Scholar Showcase is February 28, 2025.

Q12: When will I be notified about the acceptance of my submission?
A: Students will be notified by Showcase organizers regarding the acceptance or rejection of their submissions after the review process concludes in mid-March.

Q13: What if my abstract is accepted but I cannot present at the Showcase?
A: If your abstract is accepted by the Showcase organizers and you realize you cannot present on the day of the event, please inform the Office of Research and Creative Activity to let them know you will be unable to attend. Students with accepted abstracts who do not present at the Showcase and fail to notify the Office of Research and Creative Activity may be prohibited from participating in future Showcases. **Students should ensure that they are available for the entire time period of the Showcase on Saturday, April 5, 2025, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, before submitting an abstract.**