URS Abstract Information

The UMM Undergraduate Research Symposium is a forum for UMM students to present their research, creative, and scholarly work representing the Divisions of Education, Humanities, Science and Mathematics, and Social Sciences at UMM.

URS submission descriptions.
General criteria all submissions should be no more than 250 words and should contain the following elements:
1. A concise explanation of the creative or scholarly implications of the project. What is the creative/intellectual context of your work?
2. Language that is clear and comprehensible to those who are not experts in the field.
3. Professional tone, including appropriate word choice and correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
4. Any field-specific criteria.

Your 250-word submission must also include the appropriate field-specific elements listed below.

Artist statements
1. A concise explanation of the subject matter or concepts you are exploring (what you do).
3. A concise explanation of processes, production methods, tools, media, innovations, etc. (how you do what you do).
4. A concise explanation of historical context, including how this work builds on, differs from, or responds to existing work or performances.

Humanities proposals
1. A concise explanation of the relevant intellectual and scholarly context of your work.
2. A concise explanation of how your project fits within this intellectual context. Does it extend, revise, or complicate, or provide a new way of looking at existing work in the field?
3. A clear statement of argument: a specific, debatable claim, not merely a summary of others’ research.
4. An explanation of the significance and broader implications of your work.

Science & Social Science abstracts
1. A concise explanation of the scholarly context for the project with a statement of the project’s specific objective.
2. A clear explanation of the methods used to address the objective.
3. A clear explanation of the results or findings.
4. An explanation of the significance and broader implications of the project's results.

If you are unsure which category best fits your project, please consult your faculty sponsor.