



STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION 2027 (Updated 9-11-2026)

Event Date: Friday, February 26, 2027, 8:30am to 1:30PM

Application deadline: Thursday, February 11, 2027.

APPLICATION AND COMPETITION GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The competition is held to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate scholarly research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments at California State University, Bakersfield.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at CSU Bakersfield, as well as alumni/alumnae who received their degrees in Spring 2026, Summer 2026, or Fall 2026 are eligible. The research presented should be appropriate to the student's discipline and career goals. Proprietary research is excluded. Presentations from all disciplines are invited.

Students will compete by discipline category and, where feasible, by academic status (undergraduate/graduate). The Student Research Competition steering committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide these categories or to move an entrant from one category to another, as numbers of submissions necessitate. The categories are consistent throughout the CSU system. Categories include-

Behavioral, Social Sciences, and Public Administration
Biological and Agricultural Sciences
Business, Economics, and Management
Creative Arts and Design
Education
Engineering and Computer Science
Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences
Humanities and Letters
Physical and Mathematical Sciences
Interdisciplinary



HOW TO APPLY

Students will submit an application through infoready at <https://csub.infoready4.com/>. The application guidelines are as follows:

- A. Each application must include the name(s) of the student(s), faculty mentor name, and the title of the presentation.
- B. A research narrative/summary that must not exceed five *doubled-spaced pages*. Use fonts and margins that ensure legibility.
- C. Appendices (bibliography, graphs, photographs, or other supplementary materials) may not exceed *three pages*.
- D. IRB or IACUC Authorization Letter for Human or Animal Subjects Research projects (if applicable).

The deadline for applying is February 11, 2027, at 11:59pm through the Infoready portal.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Each student presentation will be **10 minutes** in duration followed by 5 minutes to field questions from faculty jurors and audience members. Students will present their work orally with the assistance of a through a visual presentation such as Microsoft PowerPoint or slides presentation. Entrants in the Creative Arts and Design category may present with audio and/or visuals of a performance they have given or a work that they have created. The oral presentation should focus on the rationale and context underlying their interpretation of the material.

Each entry (oral presentation and written summary materials) will be judged on the following:

- Clarity of purpose - 15%
- Appropriateness of methodology - 20%
- Interpretation of results - 20%
- Ability of the presenter to articulate the research or creative activity - 15%
- Organization of the material presented - 15%
- Significance of the research or creative activity - 15%



RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN AND ANIMAL SUBJECTS

Research involving human or animal subjects must first be authorized by the CSUB Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). All research presentations will be reviewed. For further information, please contact: Gwen Parnell, Research Compliance Analyst, at gparnell@csub.edu or 661-654-6712.

AWARDS

Based on the recommendations of the faculty jurors, cash awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions of each category. If a category has been combined because there are fewer than three presenters in one division, awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter. In any division with just three entrants, only one award will be given.

Outstanding presenters will be required to represent CSU Bakersfield at the 41st Annual California State University- Student Research Competition at CSU San Marcos on April 15-17, 2027.

QUESTIONS

Questions can be directed to Manuel Barrera, Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs at 661-654-3534 or mbarrera@csub.edu. The GRASP office is located in DDH 108D.