



Excellence in Graduate Research Symposium Application

Thank you for your interest in presenting work at the Graduate Students' Society/Faculty of Graduate Studies' 4th Annual Excellence in Graduate Research Symposium! **Applications will be open from August 31st - October 2nd, 2026.** Please submit your application to gsslife@uvic.ca.

This year, EGRS will be held across two days, on **November 4th & 5th**. We will consider applications in two rounds: applications received before September 18th will be reviewed on September 21st. Applications received by October 2nd will be reviewed by October 5th. Preferential admission will be given to first round applicants, and to those who did not present in 2025. Acceptance of applications, including those submitted before September 18th, is conditional on the GSS' space and printing capacity. Applicants may indicate whether they prefer a poster or a presentation of 5 or 15 minutes; we will do our best to accommodate you. Please only submit an application for one research project.

The GSS will produce an abstract booklet with all presenters listed in alphabetical order by last name. Please ensure the abstract and presentation/poster title you submit with your application is final and ready for printing. We will not be able to provide editing time or services after the application deadline.

Abstract guidelines: 300 words maximum, no citations or references, and please use generally accessible (jargon-free) language as much as possible.

Please also note that the **GSS requires final PDF files of all posters for printing no later than 12pm October 16th, and Powerpoint presentation slides no later than 12pm October 30th.**

The GSS is partnering with the UVic Libraries' Digital Scholarship Commons (DCS) to provide complimentary printing to all participants who submit their poster through the GSS. The print will be standard size (48" x 36") and may be either portrait or landscape.**

Late poster submissions and poster submissions in any other format than that listed above will not be accepted for printing by the GSS.

**The DSC offers draft-weight paper with prototype-quality printing. If you need heavier paper or print resolution suitable for external conferences, presentations, or displays, you may obtain them via commercial or student-run print services such as Zap Copy, or Blink. The GSS cannot reimburse participants for any discretionary or external printing costs.

Deadlines:

First round applications (preferential admission): **September 18th 4pm PST**

Second round applications: **October 2nd 4pm PST**

Poster submission for printing by the GSS: **October 16th 12pm PST**

Presentation slides submission: **October 30th 12pm PST**

Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Department: _____

Current degree level: ☐ PhD ☐ Masters ☐ Graduate Certificate

Year of study: _____

Preferred presentation medium:

☐ Poster ☐ I will be submitting my poster for printing by the GSS

☐ Oral Presentation ☐ 5 min timeslot (no Q&A) ☐ 15 min timeslot (15 min + 5 min Q&A)

Presentation title: _____

Abstract (300 words maximum):

Scheduling:

If you selected a **15 minute timeslot**, please select the timeslot(s) that work for your schedule.

☐ **Wednesday, November 4th AM: 10:00am - 12:00pm**

☐ **Wednesday, November 4th PM: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

☐ **Thursday, November 5th PM: 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

All **5 minute presentations** will be held on **Wednesday, November 4th** from 3:30pm - 5:00pm

AV Equipment & Presentation Slides

The GSS will have all presentation slides pre-queued on a laptop for use by presenters, and will provide all necessary equipment for the presentations. All presentation slides should be submitted in .pptx (Powerpoint) format to gsscomm@uvic.ca no later than **Friday, October 30th, 12pm PST**. If you are working in Canva, Google Slides, or otherwise, please convert your slides to a .pptx format before sending. It is participants' responsibility to check your slides in advance to catch any errors in conversion.

Please send this completed PDF to gsslife@uvic.ca by **4pm PST October 2nd**.

If you will require poster printing, please attach the file (see guidelines on the next page) to your application, or submit it separately no later than **12pm PST October 16th** to gsscomm@uvic.ca.

Poster Printing Reminders & Guidelines

If you would like the GSS to print your poster for you, you must adhere to these guidelines for your submission.

What size & format does my poster have to be?

If you have a poster already printed, anything is good as long as it will fit on a 4' x 4' rolling tack board! If you are submitting a file to be printed through the GSS, it must be 48" x 36". **Please follow [Blink Printing's Poster Design Guidelines](#)**, which include templates. Ensure the template you choose is 48" x 36". The poster can be in portrait or landscape orientation. **Posters must be submitted as print-ready PDFs.** All posters will be printed in the Digital Scholarship Commons on draft weight paper, at prototype-quality printing.

If your poster has incorrect dimensions, we will be unable to print it for you. Following the final poster submission deadline of October 16th, we will be unable to accept resubmissions, and you will need to print your poster through your own means.

Where do I send my poster for printing?

Please first ensure that your poster file meets all the requirements listed above before submitting. Posters that are the incorrect size will not be accepted. Please send us your poster at gsscomm@uvic.ca by **Friday, October 16th at 12pm PST**, and we will handle the printing! Your poster will be ready for you on your presentation day. **You will get a confirmation email that your poster file has been received. If you do not get a confirmation email, please reach out to us directly.**

Why can't my poster be another size? Why will it be printed on prototype-quality paper?

In order to be able to offer printing services for all our poster session participants, we need to be able to stick to our budget and anticipate our costs. The UVic Libraries have generously offered their printing services, which reduce our costs, allowing us to reallocate funds to where they may have the most impact -- our post-EGRS social, and our Graduate Student Appreciation Week, which will take place in January, 2027! Additionally, keeping printing costs down allows us to showcase the work of a greater number of graduate students.

If you would prefer to have your poster printed to a different size or on higher-quality paper, you are welcome to submit your file to Blink Printing or Zap Copy, but the GSS will be unable to cover the printing cost