

2021 CSM Social Justice Week Scholarship Competition

2021 Theme: Social Justice in Crisis

Submission Guidelines: Academic Research

Submit one e-poster, research paper, or PowerPoint presentation that addresses the theme, “**Social Justice in Crisis.**” Please note that because the competition is virtual, the **SJD Research Competition Committee will not be printing and will not require any printed posters, papers, or PowerPoint slides for this competition.** Please save your poster as a PDF file.

Your submission can address topics such as:

- Access to technology and employment
- Food and housing insecurity
- Inequities within the health care system
- Mental health issues
- Racial, gender and class inequities in criminal justice and throughout our society
- LGBTQ rights and issues
- Disability rights and issues
- Education
- Individual and family safety and wellness
- Intimate partner violence
- Environmental impact, environmental justice
- Global justice

Submission Requirements (for all formats):

- In your e-mail submission, provide the following:
 - In the subject line:
 - **Academic Research: [Title of your piece]**
 - In the body of the email:
 - Provide your name, contact info, the title of your piece, and the category for which you are submitting (Academic Research).
 - Provide an abstract describing the work (limit 250 words). The abstract should explain the connection between your work and the social justice theme.
 - Label your file as **Academic Research_[Title of your piece]**
 - Attach your submission as a PDF file (.pdf).
- Email your submission to equity@csmd.edu.

Guidelines for e-Posters

- Posters should contain relevant information.
- Include as many pictures, diagrams, and figures as you can. If you can illustrate an important point using text or a figure, if you have space, use the figure.
- Keep in mind that your poster should be visually appealing to grab the attention of the reader.
- You can be creative as to how you present your work, but it should be easy to follow.

Guidelines for Research Papers

- Abstract
 - The following headings are suggested to structure your abstract, but you can amend as necessary –
 - Introduction/Background, Methods, Findings, Conclusion
- Three-page summary of research project.
 - The paper should convey in a clear way how the project came about or why the topic was selected.
 - Include content as needed to communicate your project thoroughly.
 - Include the findings from your research.

Guidelines for PowerPoint Presentations

- PowerPoint presentations must have no more than 10 slides.
 - Include as many pictures, diagrams, and figures as you can. If you can illustrate an important point using text or a figure, use the figure.
 - Include content as needed to communicate your project thoroughly.
 - You can be creative as to how you present your work, but it should be easy to follow.

Judging:

A panel of CSM faculty and staff will assess entries using a rubric based on the above criteria.

- Submissions will be judged on addressal of the theme, attention to research standards and conventions, and attention to grammar and mechanics.
- In the interest of fairness, any judge recognizing a student's work will acknowledge their connection and recuse themselves from final assessment.

Questions about Submission Guidelines? Contact Professor Lisa Lynk Smith:
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General Questions about the Competition? Contact Dr. Sybol Anderson: ssanderson1@csm.edu