

Xtreme Research Contest

Frequently Asked Questions

- What's the purpose?

The purpose of this contest is to reward Allan Hancock College students for "X-ellent" research (either a paper or multimedia project).

- Who is eligible?

To be eligible to enter, a student must be enrolled at AHC in Fall 2016 and the student's instructor must enter a student research project completed for a Fall 2016, Summer 2016, or Spring 2016 class. Entrants must agree that if they win a prize, their project may be included in printed or electronic publication(s) by library staff.

- What can I win?

Bookstore cash! Winners will receive gift cards to the AHC bookstore!

- How will we choose winners?

Winners will be selected by a team of college faculty and their judging is final. Judges are looking for creative use of a variety of research resources, evidence of ability to critically evaluate sources of information, how you integrated the research into the project, clear documentation of resources used (a works-cited page must be included), and academic honesty (no evidence of plagiarism). Specific evaluation criteria are available upon request.

- How do I enter?

Instructors will submit the application (found on the library page) along with your project to either the Santa Maria campus library or the Lompoc Valley Center library check-out desk or via email to Susannah.Kopecky@hancockcollege.edu. Electronic entries must be received by or before midnight on Friday, December 16, 2016. In-person submissions must be received at the Santa Maria campus library by 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, and in-person submissions must be received at the Lompoc Valley Center campus library by or before 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 15. Application includes a brief (not to exceed 250 words) explanation of why the instructor selected this submission.

Good luck and happy researching!

Questions? Please contact faculty librarian Susannah Kopecky at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3453 or visit an AHC library or email Susannah.Kopecky@hancockcollege.edu.