



California Central Coast Community College Collaborative (C6)

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Fall 2024 Research Symposium Student Guide

Welcome to the 2024 Research Symposium at Cal Poly, SLO. We are excited you have joined us for this C6 event. If you are not familiar with C6, you can find out more about this Central Coast partnership program at www.hancockcollege.edu/lsamp. As a community college student visiting a C6 partner university, there are certain guidelines expected of you today as you represent your college as a visitor to Cal Poly, SLO and a participant in today's event.

The purpose of today's event is to (1) give C6 college students the opportunity to tour STEM programs at university focused on labs and STEM academics; (2) learn through the poster presentation symposium about the many STEM research experiences and internships students from C6 colleges and Cal Poly participated in during Summer 2024; (3) explore university support resources and graduate programs in a college fair setting; and (4) meet STEM students from other C6 community colleges.

Today's components for which you are highly encouraged to engage:

- Self-selected STEM tours (10AM – 11AM & 1:30PM – 2:30PM)
- Research Symposium & Support Resource and Graduate Program Fair (11AM – 1PM)
- Your individual college will guide you on your lunch option

Expectations of Student Behavior

- Engage 100% in the components of the day – do not leave the area to do other things on campus.
- Be respectful to others including students from other colleges, your peers, faculty, staff, presenters, and college representatives.
- Ask poster presenters questions and find out about their research/internship – learn and challenge yourself to get out of your comfort zone and take risks to meet new people and talk to them about their projects.
- Ask questions of the representatives at the resource and graduate fair and find out about these opportunities – think about your future and how you can reach for the stars!
- Have fun and act professionally – this is a college sponsored trip and mature, professional behavior is expected while we have fun today.
- Ask for help if needed – come to the C6 table for anything you need.

Questions you can ask of poster presenters after introducing yourself (including your major and college):

- Tell me about your project?
- How did you acquire this opportunity?
- What do you think is most innovative about your research?
- What do you think is most distinct about your project?
- What influences have you been exposed to through this experience?
- What has been your role so far in developing research ideas and carrying them forward?
- What advice do you have if someone wanted to obtain a similar opportunity?

Questions you can ask of resource and graduate program representatives after introducing yourself:

- Tell me about your program?
- How could I benefit from engaging in your program?
- How do I get involved in your program?
- What advice do you have for me as a representative of this resource/graduate program?
- How do I contact you in the future if I have further questions?

Always say "Thank You" for the time the presenters/representatives spent with you. Have a great day and thank you for participating!



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