

Student Guide to the UCI Community College Honors Research Conference

- Proposal selection is done by the HTCC: Honors Transfer Council of California

- <https://www.honorstransfercouncil.org/the-conference-1>

November to
December

- Work with your mentor on drafting and revising conference proposals. For group research, secure whatever permissions or cooperation your college requires.

You may present in up to two events if they are in two different categories:

- Individual (Poster, Oral Presentation, or Performance)
- Group (Poster, Oral Presentation, or Performance)

You may be credited in additional group presentations as a “researcher,” but you may not participate as a presenter, and you may not submit proposals for those groups.

Suggestion: Check out how your proposal will be reviewed, and construct it accordingly. Scoring rubrics are at <https://www.honorstransfercouncil.org/abstract-scoring-rubric>.

December

Submit your proposal to your honors director by the internal deadline – **Check with your Honors/Scholars Director for your college’s deadline**. Do not try to submit to the conference directly. All submissions other than those made by the director will be disqualified.

Needed:

- Your personal information
 - Full name
 - College email address
 - Phone number
 - Whether UCI is your “#1 choice” as a transfer destination for Fall 2021
- Your faculty mentor’s information (up to three mentors)
 - Full name
 - Email address (primary mentor only)
- Your research
 - Title
 - 25-word description for the conference program
 - 200-to-250-word abstract of research
 - Up to five academic sources used in the research.
- Type of presentation: Poster, Performance, Individual Oral, or Group Oral
 - For groups, only one person should submit a presentation. That student becomes the Corresponding Author and must assume complete responsibility for all communications from that point on.
 - For groups, the names of people who will be presenting
 - For groups, the names of people involved in the research but not presenting

Recommendations:

- Use your strongest sources: primary and scholarly sources.

December (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The title and 25-word description are what attendees look at to decide whether they're going to attend your presentation. Be informative, creative, and interesting. • Since you may submit only five sources, skip obvious ones. For example, if your paper is on Ray Bradbury's <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>, don't include that as a source. • The sources you submit are those that supported your research. They do not have to be mentioned in the abstract. However, if you do mention a source in the abstract, it should be one of the ones you submit. • If you did your own fieldwork or original experiment, your abstract should make clear that you are describing your own research, not reporting on someone else's. • Use citation (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc. as appropriate) that is correct so that reviewers can find the source if they need to. They do often have to check things.
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you do not receive a response by the end of the third week in January, contact your Honors director immediately. • Notify your faculty mentor and honors director of the decision you received. If you are in a group, remember that only one individual is the contact point for all communications with HTCC, mentors, directors, and all group members. • If you are accepted, RSVP for the conference by January 28th. After that time, you will lose your slot and waitlisted presentations will be accepted. • You have to register yourself; registration is not automatic. Dates, deadlines, and process will be forwarded in your acceptance email. • If you are accepted for an oral presentation or performance, consider applying for an Outstanding Abstract Award. This requires an additional abstract, expanding on your first submission to 400 words. See https://www.honorstransfercouncil.org/awards-scholarships for details. • If you are accepted or waitlisted, begin refining your conference presentation.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your mentor regularly to put together your conference presentation. • Record and upload your conference presentation directly to the conference platform. Instructions on how to do this will be sent in early February. • IMPORTANT: You must upload your video by February 24th for it to be vetted prior to publication. The absolute last deadline to upload your video is February 28th; videos uploaded after February 24th might not be approved and will be left out of the conference.

March	Conference!
April	<p>Publication Opportunity! Submit your 250-word abstract (you may polish or slightly refine it from the original submission) for the conference proceedings publication, <i>Building Bridges</i>. Submit to Tim Adell: tim.adell@vvc.edu. Due by May 1st. This is a great opportunity to be published so do not miss this deadline. Outstanding Abstract and Director's Award winners will be published automatically.</p>