



Undergraduate Research Symposium

strengthening communication, critical thinking and technical skills

JUDGES NEEDED

from our State's leading industries:

- Researchers
- Human Resource Specialists
- Project Managers
- STEM Career Professionals
- Faculty

to interact directly with students during the poster presentations of student driven independent research at the annual ICUNJ Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Focus is provided to STEM related projects and is helpful but judges do not need to be from STEM fields. Industry experience provides a sufficient background for conducting the interviews.

An outline of Past student research included projects advancing understanding of:

- AI algorithms on Classical and Quantum Scenarios
- Effect of Orthosilicic Acid and Cholecalciferol on MC3T3 Osteoblast Cells mimicking diabetic inflammatory conditions
- Improving decision making to Prevent Antibiotic Overuse and Resistance



The opportunity to interact with and receive feedback from industry professionals in positions engaged in or connected to research is consistently described as **a unique experience of significant value** for students. A professional from your organization contributes to the success of the program by providing students with an opportunity to relate with someone who may share their interests and by helping to introduce them to the multiple ways career success can be defined.

Judges who have expertise outside the STEM fields challenge students to make the topic comprehensible for all.

In addition to evaluating student presentations, representatives are asked to share relevant stories from their career paths to help students appreciate the diversity of opportunities that contribute to a successful career.

Students receive in writing a compilation of all feedback related to their specific project following the event.

Monday | **MARCH 23, 2026** | 9am to 2pm

Bell Works Holmdel, NJ

Pre-Event - Each business and faculty representative will be provided in advance with an outline for reviewing projects and conducting interviews. Copies of research abstracts will be forwarded to judges in advance.

Event Day – Evaluators should plan to arrive between 9:15am and 9:45am. All attendees will meet in the auditorium at 10am for a brief opening program immediately followed by the student poster presentations.

Evaluators are asked to interact directly with students one-at-a-time to generate feedback on their assessment during the presentation of information (written abstract and poster), the ability of student(s) to relay the research methodology and the application of their findings can be recorded.

A half-hour lunch break allowing additional networking is provided about noon. All evaluations are to be completed by 1:00pm for tally to announce top performers. Closing program with top presentations receiving recognition is held about 1:30pm.

The students have worked hard and dedicated countless hours beyond the classroom to complete their research.
Join us in supporting the innovative problem solvers of tomorrow.

Confirm your participation today, by sending an email to ypanella@njcolleges.org.

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