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Re: University of Toledo Sigma Xi Student Research Symposium for 2003

Dear Faculty and Students:

The University of Toledo Chapter of Sigma Xi will sponsor the 24th Annual Sigma Xi Student Research Symposium and Sigma Xi Research Awards. The Symposium will take place on Friday, April 11, 2003 in Rooms 2582, 2591, and 2592 of the Student Union, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Research Symposium will include three Divisions:

1. **Graduate: Life Sciences and Pharmacy** (Prof. Daryl Dwyer, Division Chair)
2. **Graduate: Physical Sciences and Engineering** (Prof. Khalil Dajani, Division Chair)
3. **Undergraduate: All areas of research** (Prof. Dong-Shik Kim, Division Chair)

Students nearing completion of their degree or having recently completed their degree studies are invited to present their research work at the Symposium. Presentations will be made to faculty and students and judged by a panel of experts who will recommend several participants for the Sigma Xi Outstanding Student Research Awards. Announcement of the award recipients will be made at the Sigma Xi Annual Awards and Initiation Banquet on the evening of the Research Symposium. An award will be given for Ph.D. level research and one for M.S. level research in each of the two Graduate Student Divisions and two awards in the Undergraduate Student Division. It is our Chapter’s tradition and expectation that the faculty research advisor will provide the banquet fee for each student participant. Please note that there is a $10 registration fee that will help offset the costs of the expanded Symposium and will include a CD proceedings of the Symposium (Scientia 2003). All presenters are expected to register for the Symposium. Registration should be done from the Symposium's website: [http://astro1.panet.utoledo.edu/~tkvale/sigmaxi2003a.html](http://astro1.panet.utoledo.edu/~tkvale/sigmaxi2003a.html)

The Symposium and associated awards have the following objectives:

1. To highlight ongoing research by UT students at all levels and disciplines;
2. To nurture intra-campus student interaction;
3. To provide an opportunity for students to polish public presentation skills and establish a record of professional activity; and
4. To provide a forum to increase public awareness of the diverse, high quality research activities at The University of Toledo.

The requirements have been intentionally kept to a minimum to promote participation. A copy of the call for papers describing the preparation of abstracts and indicating the deadline for submission is enclosed for your information. Please encourage students to participate.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kvale, Director
Sigma Xi Student Research Symposium