

THE 27TH ANNUAL BEACON CONFERENCE

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Beacon celebrates
academic achievements
of outstanding students
in a wide range of disciplines
at community colleges
in the mid-Atlantic region.

With guidance from faculty mentors, students at member colleges revise their own researched, analytical papers and submit them.

Submitted papers are grouped by category or theme, and papers in each group are ranked by scholars. Writers of the three highest-ranked papers per group are invited to present their papers in competitive panels at the conference. (Additional papers are selected for an afternoon poster session.)

Panels afford each presenter 20 minutes to present their paper. Panels also include a half hour for questions. Each panel's judge selects one winning paper.

2019 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Categories

These categories are a guide. Accepted papers will be grouped into thematic panels.

- Allied Health and Nursing
- Anthropology
- Arts
- Biology
- Business and Economics
- Chemistry and Physical Sciences
- Communications and Media Studies
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Education
- Environmental Studies
- Gender Studies
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- International Studies
- Literature Studies
- Mathematics
- Philosophy and Religion
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

How to Submit Your Paper

Students interested in participating in the conference on June 7, 2019, may submit original, eligible papers online at beaconconference.org.

The submission form will become available in November 2018 and will remain available through the deadline, March 1, 2019.

Discuss category choices with your faculty mentor.

Eligibility

Papers written Fall 2017 through Spring 2019 are eligible.

The maximum paper length is 5,000 words, excluding the bibliography.

Group submissions are welcome but will be considered for a poster session, not for a competitive panel.

Students from non-member colleges who are interested in submitting a paper should contact the co-directors.

Appropriate Approaches

The methods and tools of research and/or analysis should be appropriate to paper's specific discipline. All submissions must show the results of research, reflection, and an original perspective.

Format

Follow discipline-specific guidelines for documentation and format (APA, MLA, etc.) except when they contradict these requirements:

1. Use a standard typeface, size 12, double-spaced, on letter-sized pages with one-inch margins.
2. Paginate with Arabic numerals in the upper-right corner.
3. Remove all identifying information (your name, your professor's name, your college's name, etc.) from your file.
4. Do not submit a title page.
5. Upload your paper as a Word document (.docx).

Awards

All panel and poster session participants receive a Certificate of Participation.

Panel Award Winners receive \$100, and winning papers are published in the conference's annual Proceedings.

Faculty Mentors of Panel Award Winners receive \$100.

Terms and Conditions

Confirmations of submissions will be emailed to students, their mentors, and their college's conference steering team members.

Students submitting papers agree to have their work's originality verified by conference organizers via Turnitin or a similar service. Papers identified as plagiarized will be disqualified.

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