CAFES SPRING STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**MAY 30th, 2025**

**STUDENT REGISTRATION AND ABSTRACT FORM**

One form per project, please. Italics can’t be used in text boxes. We will adjust where necessary.

**Personal Information:**

Name(s)

Email address(es)

Phone number(s)

Faculty advisor(s)

Title of project

**Presentation Abstract Instructions:**

Please include your abstract in the space provided on the next page.

Formatting requirements:

* Maximum of 250 words.
* 12-point font.
* Easy-to-read font (e.g. Times New Roman, Calibri, Arial—no Old English ☺ )

Tips for writing a successful abstract:

* An abstract is a SUMMARY. Be brief, but complete.
* Include the following items:
  + Introduction to the problem (WHY is this work interesting/important?)
  + Materials and methods (what did you DO~~)~~
  + Results (what did you DISCOVER? Include actual numbers where possible.)
  + Conclusions/Implications (what do your results MEAN in the context of what is already known?)
  + If your research is more of a “I designed or constructed something” rather than being an experiment of some kind, that is OK.
* Try to use vocabulary that an educated lay reader would understand. Naturally, technical terms are difficult to avoid.
* Use standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Proofread it carefully. Consider letting someone else read it, too, for clarity.

**Registration forms and abstracts are due via email to Marnie Perry at** [**mperry11@calpoly.edu**](mailto:mperry11@calpoly.edu) **NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th. We will reach out to you soon after that to let you know if you have been selected to present.**

**ABSTRACT**

Type in the box below. Word limit: 250 words.