Salisbury University Student Research Conference
Frequently Asked Questions for Faculty

What is student research?
At SU, any significant independent study, performance, or portfolio by an undergraduate or graduate student (or group of students) falls under the broad definition of research.

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Past student research conferences have featured

- Student research work in a faculty member's laboratory
- Independent research or literature review in the social sciences and humanities
- Social work and education case studies and pedagogical investigations
- art work
- film analyses
- respiratory therapy and exercise science studies
- performance of student authored one act plays
- marketing case studies
- business plans and reports

This list is not exhaustive, and only aims to show the broad range of activities welcomed by the SU Student Research Conference. We use the term research as a short form for all of the above activities (and many others); it is not intended to exclude students from any major.

How original does student research have to be?

Each discipline will respond to this question differently. In general though, student research is something more than responding to textbook questions or completing routine class assignments. Students do not have the time or experience to replicate faculty level "professional development," but any significant independent inquiry or exploration can be useful research experience for students.

Why should student research be presented at the SU student research conference?

A public research conference gives students a chance to share their findings and explorations with an educated, non-specialist public. This means that students will generally prepare their presentations differently than they would for their classes, and will receive different comments and questions than they

classes.