

On behalf of the Graduate Student Association, I am excited to announce that the official date for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium (GSRS) has been set for February 17, 2018. The Graduate Student Association (GSA), in conjunction with the Office of the Graduate School, is looking forward to hosting this event once again as an opportunity to showcase the research in which graduate students at Mississippi State University are engaging. We are also grateful for the opportunity to host this event in conjunction with the 2018 Black Alumni Weekend festivities at The Mill Conference Center.

We have made a few changes to the GSRS structure this year. You will find those outlined in the next few pages. Not only are we breaking the day into morning and afternoon sessions (contingent upon participation numbers), but we are also adding more category awards based on students' education level; therefore, Masters and PhD students will not be competing against each other for individual category awards. We believe that in adding this additional structure to the event, we are ensuring that more of our students are recognized for their achievements. We also hope to see additional benefits, such as increased involvement this year and higher attendance from students who are not competing.

## Overview

The Graduate Student Association (GSA), in collaboration with the Office of the Graduate School (OGS), is proud to carry on the tradition of providing students with the opportunity to showcase their research accomplishments on the MSU campus by sponsoring the 16th annual Graduate Student Research Symposium (GSRS). This year, the GSRS will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018.

## Graduate Student Research Symposium

The Graduate Student Research Symposium (GSRS) is an interdisciplinary forum comprised of a series of oral and poster presentations by graduate students from across the MSU campus. The GSRS was designed to highlight the quality and diversity of graduate-level research at MSU. The GSRS serves as an opportunity for graduate students to gain experience giving presentations and to receive meaningful feedback from an evaluative panel of established MSU faculty members and researchers in a conference-style venue.

## GSRS REVAMP

The GSA and the Office of the Graduate School are making a few changes to the GSRS to be held on February 17, 2018. In the past, both our Masters and PhD students have competed against each other. However, this year, we have decided to separate Masters students from PhD students within each individual category. The category breakdown is included below. In addition, the GSRS will consist of a morning session and an afternoon session. The morning session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The afternoon session will be held from 12 p.m. until 3 pm.

Arts and Humanities (Oral Presentations)	Arts and Humanities (Poster Presentations)	Life and Biomedical Sciences/Engineering (Oral Presentations)	Life and Biomedical Sciences/Engineering (Poster Presentations)
Master's level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Master's level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Master's level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Master's level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
PhD level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	PhD level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	PhD level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	PhD level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place

Social and Behavioral Sciences (Oral Presentations)	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Poster Presentations)	Physical, Mathematical, & Computational Sciences/Engineering (Oral Presentations)	Physical, Mathematical, & Computational (Poster Presentations)
Master's level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Master's level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Master's level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Master's level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
PhD level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	PhD level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	PhD level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	PhD level: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place

Overall category winners (combined Masters and PhD) will be given at the Graduate Student Awards Banquet in April 2018. These will include a winner and a runner-up in each research category.