



RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL REQUEST FOR NOMINEES CYCLE TWO/FY12

Introduction

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) and the Oklahoma Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Advisory Committee have invited Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) to participate in a celebration and recognition of undergraduate student research at the State Capitol on **Thursday, March 15, 2012**. Sponsored by the OSRHE, EPSCoR, and the National Science Foundation, the purpose of Research Day at the Capitol is to inform the Legislature and the public about the high quality research being conducted at Oklahoma's colleges and universities. This annual event, inaugurated in 1996, will showcase undergraduate research in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM disciplines). **SWOSU has been invited to select one outstanding research project and the lead Oklahoma undergraduate student on that project to represent the University.** Nominated students from universities throughout Oklahoma will prepare poster displays to be presented in the rotunda at the Capitol. The students will also have the opportunity to visit with their districts' state representatives. The lead undergraduate student on each nominated project, who must be an Oklahoma resident and available for a mandatory training session on Saturday, January 14, 2012, will receive a \$250 stipend to defray the cost of preparing the poster. In addition, posters will be competitively judged and students will be eligible to receive awards.

Proposal Preparation

The University Research and Scholarly Activity Committee will select one student research project in the STEM disciplines to represent SWOSU during Research Day at the Capitol. To be considered, faculty are asked to complete the *Student and Faculty Sponsor Information Page* and to submit a one page *Nomination Document* on behalf of the lead student researcher containing the following: (1) a short, layman's description of the project, containing non-technical language and including a societal impact statement; (2) a formal abstract, relating the scientific background, objective, methods, results, and conclusions of the research; and (3) a brief description of contributions by the lead student to the research project. Font size and line spacing must be no smaller than 12 point within the submitted document.

Deadline, Evaluation, and Notification

Nominations must be received as electronic attachments at lori.gwyn@swosu.edu within the Office of Sponsored Programs no later than 5:00PM, Tuesday, November 1st, 2011. Nominations will be evaluated by the University Research and Scholarly Activity Committee and their recommendation for selection will be forwarded to the Office of Sponsored Programs. OSP will forward the Committee selection to the Provost for consideration and final action. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of clarity in purpose, hypothesis, background, results, societal impact, and student involvement. Notification of selection to the faculty sponsor will be made on or about November 22nd, 2011. The final *Nomination Form* from SWOSU is due to OK-EPSCoR by December 15th, 2011.

Point of Contact

If you have questions concerning this *Request for Nominees*, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs, ADM 201, ext. 7012.