

The Research Special Interest Group is pleased to announce the call for research papers for presentation at the ACE Annual Meeting, June 8-11, 2015 in Charleston, South Carolina. Please share this call with others in your unit to ensure all interested colleagues are notified of this opportunity.

Research Paper Submission Information

- FULL paper submissions are invited from professional communicators, faculty members, and/or graduate students and should be relevant to the field of agricultural communications. Selections will be made from these submissions for the conference agenda through a blind peer-review process. Abstract submissions are not accepted. Manuscripts presented previously at other national conferences or published in peer-reviewed journals will not be considered. If a graduate student is the lead author, please note this on the cover page as detailed below.
- Undergraduate students are invited to submit full papers relevant to the field of agricultural communications and should be listed as the lead author. Papers must be developed in conjunction with a faculty adviser or mentor, and that individual's involvement must be acknowledged on the cover page of the document. Selections will be made from these submissions for the conference agenda through a blind peer-review process. Abstract submissions are not accepted. Manuscripts presented previously at other national conferences or published in peer-reviewed journals will not be considered.

Submission Guidelines

- At least one author must be a current ACE member.
- Submit manuscripts electronically to Vice Chair-Elect Katie Abrams at Katie.Abrams@colostate.edu, using the subject line: ACE 2015 Research Conference Paper Submission [Lead Author Last Name].
Example: ACE 2015 Research Conference Paper Submission Abrams
- The manuscript will consist of a one-page cover sheet; a one-page abstract (250 word maximum); the manuscript itself, including graphic/tabular information (tables, figures, photographs); and references.
- Manuscripts must be formatted and submitted as PDF documents. Details for submitting the separate documents are outlined below.

Document 1-CoverPage

- Includes manuscript title, author(s) name(s), mailing addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses of all authors.
- If the paper has more than one author, the lead author should be listed first.
- Author information should not appear on any page except for the cover page.
- If a graduate student or undergraduate student is lead author, please indicate on cover page. Following the undergraduate lead author's name, note the faculty adviser or mentor's name.
- Manuscript title is centered with initial letters in caps and appears on the title page and the initial page of the paper.

Document 2-Manuscript

NOTE: Researcher(s) are not to be identifiable in any of these materials.

Abstract:

- 250 words maximum on one single page.
- Immediately following the abstract, include approximately seven key words or phrases identifying the study. Research Study:
- All tables, figures, and photographs must be placed within the body of the paper as soon after their first mention in the text as possible.
- The table functions command **MUST BE USED** for all tables.
- 12-point Times Roman or Times New Roman font with one-inch margins.

- Do not use headers, footers, or footnotes.
- Do include page numbers in the bottom left corner starting with the first page of the manuscript (not the abstract).
- Manuscripts must be 20 double-spaced pages or fewer, excluding cover page, abstract, and references.
- Use American Psychological Association (6th Edition) style in all situations (citations in text body and reference list, statistical symbols, and table titles).
- Suggested Paper Sections: Introduction/Theoretical Framework, Purpose and Objectives, Methods/Procedures, Results/Findings, Discussion/Conclusions/Recommendations, References.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTED PAPERS

Authors of papers accepted for presentation will be notified in March 2015 and will receive reviewer critique forms. Authors of accepted papers are strongly encouraged to address reviewers' comments and submit revised manuscripts for the special conference issue of the Journal of Applied Communications. Abstracts from accepted papers will be posted on the ACE Research SIG website following the conference.

OUTSTANDING PAPER COMPETITIONS

Outstanding paper honors will be awarded to the papers with the top three ranked scores. Papers must adhere to all submission requirements to be eligible.

We look forward to seeing you in Charleston!

Karen Cannon, Chair

Leslie Edgar, Vice Chair

Katie Abrams, Vice Chair-Elect

Call for Research Proposals

Eligibility:

Students may submit FULL Research proposals (maximum of 20 pages, not counting references and appendices).

Students may submit original research proposed as part of a thesis, dissertation or another research project during the academic years of 2014-2015.

Graduate students must be listed as the principal investigator on any research proposal that is not part of a thesis or dissertation.

Only two proposals per institution are allowed to be submitted for competition.

At least one of the members of the committee or the student must be a current ACE member.

Submission guidelines

Submit electronically in *.pdf format to Research SIG Vice Chair Leslie Edgar at ledgar@uark.edu.

Proposal components include two separate documents for blind, peer review purposes. Each separate document is detailed below.

Submissions should come from a nominating faculty member at the institution.

Document 1: Contact information

1. Indicate clearly the type of proposal (thesis, dissertation, or research project) being submitted.
2. Principal investigator's name, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and email address; if other investigators are included in the proposal, provide all investigators' contact information.
3. Research proposal title is an accurate representation of the study.
4. Committee Members/Co-Investigators: Provide the full contact information of additional members of committee or co-investigators, including designation of the committee chair (if appropriate).

Document 2: Manuscript (limited to 20 pages, not counting references and appendices)

* Please note, the researcher(s) should not be identifiable in any of these materials.

1. Problem Statement
 - a. Provide a statement of the situation and/or problem being proposed.
 - b. Problem statements of pertinent interest to the agricultural communications profession, including teaching, research, and outreach activities, are encouraged.
2. Brief Background/Status of Previous Investigations
 - a. Clearly articulate the theoretical/logical framework for your study.
 - b. Provide a brief background of previous research leading up to the proposed study.
 - c. Use correct citations (APA Publication Manual, 6th Edition) in the text body.
3. Purpose and Objectives
 - a. Describe the purpose of the proposed research study.
 - b. Enumerate the research objectives necessary to complete the purpose.
 - c. If applicable, provide hypotheses to be tested.
4. Basic Assumptions/Delimitations or Scope of Investigation
 - a. Describe underlying assumptions/delimitations that may impact the proposed study.
 - b. Describe the scope of the investigation.
5. Methods
 - a. Design: Describe the proposed research design (Quantitative: quasiexperimental/experimental; Qualitative: participant observation/naturalistic/content analysis) in sufficient detail, including any threats to internal and external validity.
 - b. Population/Sample: Provide detailed descriptions of the population's characteristics, sampling procedure, sample type, and sampling error.
 - c. Instrument: Provide accurate descriptions of research instruments proposed, scales of measurement, validity (field tests, panel of experts, etc.), and reliability (post-hoc, test typeundefinedalpha, split half, etc.) tests.
 - d. Data Collection: Explain procedures for data collection including timeline, procedures for handling non-response, follow-up procedures, and expected response rates.
 - e. Data Analysis: Describe the proposed data analysis procedures or techniques for all collected data based on study design (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed method).

6. References (not included in page count)

a. Provide the references cited in the document.

b. Use correct citation format (APA Publication Manual, 6th Edition) for reference list.

7. Appendix (not included in page count)

a. Provide evidence that a university-issued Institutional Review Board (IRB) process was completed (IRB forms may be attached to the proposal), or provide the date when IRB approval was requested for the proposed study.

b. Provide sample surveys, questionnaires, interviewing protocols, etc., if appropriate for the proposed study.

Format Expectations

Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced with 1" margins

Document 2 is limited to 20 pages (not counting references and appendices)

Use APA Publication Manual (6th Edition) style in all situations.

Award Selection Process

Judging and selection of the outstanding proposal award recipient will be conducted independently by two active ACE Research SIG members. Faculty advisors of the nominees are ineligible to serve on the selection committee. The recipient will be announced at the ACE annual meeting and will receive an award certificate and plaque.