

EXPLORATIONS

The UC Davis Undergraduate Research Journal

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What is *Explorations*?

Explorations is a multi-disciplinary online journal of undergraduate research published by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Manuscript submissions are open to current UC Davis undergraduates in all disciplines.

Why publish?

Publishing is impressive for graduate school applications and is an essential skill for academia. It shows employers and graduate schools your ability to write and to carry a project through to a conclusion.

How do I submit my paper?

All submissions should be sent electronically to explorations@ucdavis.edu. A complete submission includes: 1) Your double-spaced manuscript; 2) Faculty Sponsor form; 3) Faculty Release form; 4) Copyright form; 5) Student Contact Information form. ***Explorations* receives submissions on a rolling basis.** However, authors are encouraged to meet one of the following deadlines in order to get their article published online during this academic year:

December 15, 2016

March 15, 2017

June 15, 2017

Authors may submit articles at any time, but they will not be published in the hard copy folio until the subsequent spring issue.

What is the review process?

The submission is read by faculty, post docs, or graduate students in the student's discipline. Two reviewers will assess the submission and give remarks. *Detailed instructions on the reverse side.*

What is the *Explorations* cover contest?

We are seeking a front cover image to grace the next issue of *Explorations*. We are looking for talented students to submit an original art image that answers the question, "What does 'exploration' mean to you?" An image and "artist's statement" should be sent electronically as a jpeg and text file, respectively, to explorations@ucdavis.edu no later than **Friday, March 17, 2017 by 11:59 p.m.** *Detailed instructions on the reverse side.*

How do I find more information?

Please visit our website: explorations.ucdavis.edu or contact us via email at explorations@ucdavis.edu

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The text of manuscripts should be in Microsoft Word.* Please use the template provided on the *Explorations* website. All submissions should include:

- 1) Title page containing Title, Author's Name(s) and Department. affiliation(s), including faculty sponsor(s). We encourage single-author papers. In the case of multiple authors, include a statement outlining the contribution of each author. The first author must be an undergraduate, and the bulk of the manuscript must have been written by this student. In some cases, a team article may be considered (e.g. team design project) if the bulk of the article was written by undergraduate team members.
- 2) A 100-150 word abstract and 8-10 key words.
- 3) Numbered pages
- 4) Citations/bibliographies that are complete and conform to the style appropriate to the academic discipline

* Math, engineering and other papers containing numerous formulae may be submitted in pdf format. For any non-text elements (graphics, formulas, equations, etc.) be sure to: a) note exactly where in the text each element should appear, and b) attach one image file (.gif, .png or .jpeg), clearly named for easy identification, for each element.

Authors must be available via phone or email until the end of the calendar year to consult with the editorial board if needed.

Note: theses may be submitted, but are usually condensed and edited to satisfy the requirements of a professional journal; upon acceptance, theses will be returned to authors with suggestions for the initial editing.

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What if I have questions?

For more information, contact explorations@ucdavis.edu

Cover Contest Information & Instructions

Deadline: March 17, by 11:59 p.m.

We are seeking a front cover image to grace the next issue of *Explorations: The UC Davis Undergraduate Research Journal*. The winning photo will be published on the folio's cover and featured on the *Explorations* website.

We are looking for talented students from any undergraduate major to submit an original art image that answers the question, "What does 'exploration' mean to you?" The goal of the front cover contest is to:

- Promote student creative thought and expression
- Select an image that speaks to "exploration" or "discovery" or "creativity"
- Provide a UC Davis undergraduate the opportunity to be published on the front cover of a scholarly research journal

The image may incorporate original works of art, photography and/or graphic design.

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