GUIDELINES FOR URAD POSTER
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND ARTISTRY DAY (URAD)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND ARTISTRY DAY (URAD) IS A SHOWCASE AND CELEBRATION OF THE OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AND ARTISTRY PROJECTS THAT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR. PROJECTS INCLUDE INDEPENDENT STUDY, CAPSTONE PROJECTS, SEF, EURA, USOAR, SROP, RESEARCH ROOKIES OR ANY OTHER RELATED RESEARCH/ARTISTRY PROJECTS.

POSTER OPTION A (Project title goes here)
Undergraduate Student Presenter(s) Name (Replace all template text with your information)
Department of (your department here), College of (your college here), Northern Illinois University - and Community Organization's Name

Project Overview/Abstract
How to use this template highlight text (including title where it says "Template") as the text and replace it with your own text from a Microsoft Word document or other text editing program. The text size for body copy and headings and the typeface has been selected for you. If you choose to change typeface size, use common names such as Times, Arial, or Helvetica and keep the body text between 20 - 30 points.
24 point Times
32 point Times
24 point Helvetica
16 point Times
24 point Arial

Objective/Methods
Outcomes/Analysis

Abstract:
- Short summary of your research
- Should match what you submit with registration
- Some disciplines DO NOT put an abstract – check with your mentor

Significance & Rationale:
- Provides an overview of what your project entails
- How your research addresses a topic

Methods
- Overview of how you conducted your project
- Can be understood by an expert as well as someone with no prior experience
- May include images/diagrams

Analysis/Results:
- Highlights what your research shows
- May include graphs, charts, images

Discussion/Conclusion:
- Wraps up your findings
- Provides ideas for future steps
- Final thought you are leaving the viewer with

References & Acknowledgements:
- Reference any citations on the poster using your field specific format
- Acknowledge your mentor, any program sponsors, and funding sources

Poster “Do’s”
- 32”x40” (URAD required size)
- Include the NIU institutional logo
- Use a plain, solid-color background
- Have 30-40% empty space
- Use high quality charts, images, and graphs

Poster “Don’ts”
- Use fancy background options
- Forget to add charts, images, and graphs
- Be text heavy and use multiple fonts
- Use overly technical language
- Forget to acknowledge those that helped you