Call for Student Research Papers

University Research Center (URC) is hosting its first annual “Advancing Mississippi: Research for a Better Mississippi for More Mississippians” Conference on June 9th in Jackson, MS. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to making Mississippi’s future brighter for all citizens and we want to get our students involved. Student papers should address long-term challenges facing the state with policy recommendations where appropriate. We would like to give our students an outlet for their scholarship, while uncovering productive ways to overcome challenges and foster growth in Mississippi.

Student papers will be accepted through May 1, 2016. All students who submit complete papers by the deadline will be invited to participate in our poster presentation session. The authors of the top 3 papers will be given the opportunity to present their papers during a regular session, have their paper published in The Mississippi Review and be awarded book scholarships ($500 for first place, $300 for second place and $150 for third place). The selection committee will announce the top 3 student papers by June 1, 2016 to give the authors time to prepare for the June 9, 2016 presentation in Jackson, MS.

We ask that papers submitted by students be no more than 15 pages. The students may submit their paper in the writing style of his or her choice (APA, MLA, etc.) as long as citations are clear and consistent.

The Mississippi Review is URC’s newest peer-reviewed journal. The aim of the journal is to publish articles that examine long term issues affecting the state. Although the journal is peer-reviewed, those who choose to participate in the student paper competition will have their papers reviewed by a committee instead. Students, particularly those pursuing graduate degrees, who would prefer to have their papers peer-reviewed should submit directly to the journal.

Student papers should be submitted to scollins@mississippi.edu using “Student Paper Competition” in the subject line. You can find the rubric judges will use to evaluate student papers here. If you prefer to submit directly to the journal use the same email address with the subject line “Journal Submission.”