Call for Submissions
Undergraduate Research Symposium
New Thinkin’: Students leading change

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On behalf of the Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, we are excited to solicit research papers for the 4th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. This symposium highlights our undergraduate community’s contributions to research and scholarship while offering a platform for undergraduates to showcase their work.

From the climate crisis to the introduction of electronic currencies to the rise of populism, life as we know it will be very different for the generations ahead of us. Amidst these changes, we can be sure that students and young people will be at the forefront of this change - shaping our new world. This year our theme aims to capture the spirit of this change and gain a glimpse into the way life may be.

We invite abstracts (200- to 250-word summaries) that examine or provide critical reflection on a change that we are experiencing today and what that change might mean for future generations and the world. Students may submit an abstract based on a paper that they have already written or submitted for a class or may propose a new idea. Possible topics to explore, include, but are not limited to:

- Climate change or other existential threats
- Youth- or student-led social movements
- Changes to political, social and media discourses
- Emerging cultural, artistic and literary practices
- International development
- Ecological and/or evolutionary change
- Advancement in technologies

We invite you to submit an abstract (200-250 words) by Friday, February 7, 2020. Abstracts must be sent as attachments (Word or PDF) to Vice President Academics and University Affairs Carly Sahagian (academics@scsu.ca) using the subject line “2020 URS Abstract Submission”. Please include your name, department, year of study and paper title. Students whose abstracts have been selected will be contacted by Friday, February 14th to showcase their research for 10 minutes presentation on March 4th. If you are not sure that your research is related to our theme, please don’t hesitate to contact Carly Sahagian, Vice-President Academics and University Affairs of the Students’ Union.

We recognize that our work takes place on the Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee, the Mississauga’s of the New Credit River and the Huron-Wendat. We believe that it is our collective responsibility to pay respects and to honour the original caretakers of this land any of those that may be with us physically, spiritually, mentally, or emotionally. We honour our commitments to each other and the land by creating space for Indigenous knowledge to be welcomed and celebrated. We strongly encourage submissions from First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples.

The Scarborough Campus Students' Union is committed to creating a space that is inclusive and welcomes discussion. If we require any accommodations to ensure your participation please email campaigns@scsu.ca. We strongly encourage submissions from people that traditionally face barriers to accessing higher education.

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