EUTOPIA Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme showcase

Introduction

Summaries of EURSS research projects are presented at an annual showcase event in the autumn term. The showcase is hosted on the EUTOPIA website, and is available to a broad audience of students, academics, researchers and professional services staff from across our alliance, as well as external stakeholders and the general public. This is the chance to give your research some publicity, and to display your results in an exciting and accessible way. For examples, see the 2021 EURSS showcase here (https://eutopia-university.eu/english-version/opportunities/students/e-u-r-s-s/eurss-2021-showcase).

EURSS scholars can present their results in the form of a research poster, a recorded PowerPoint presentation, or use more creative methods (an app, photo-essay, podcast, etc.) with the approval of the first supervisor. In addition, a reflective piece / impact statement must be provided.

Dates of the 2022 showcase, and details of associated deadlines for the submission of materials, will be shared with successful EURSS applicants.

Poster/Presentation/Alternative guidelines

The poster/presentation should be in English, unless there is a compelling reason for another language to be used. Please discuss this with your local EURSS contact and supervisors if this is the case.

Note: If you present your research project at the International Conference of Undergraduate Research (ICUR), you can use the same poster or presentation, with any revisions/edits as appropriate.

Poster

- Your poster must be A1 size, either portrait or landscape (H: 84.1cm x W: 59.4cm)

- Your poster should include your name, department, project title and the name of your home and host supervisors

- You should include sections on Introduction/background, methodology, findings/results, conclusions, although they do not have to be titled like this. This can be done in text, with images, or a mix of text and images. Also include references and acknowledgements (both in smaller print). Avoid using jargon

- You should acknowledge the EURSS, Erasmus+ (who are providing the funding for the EURSS) and any other organisation you have worked with on your poster. We will provide branded templates for you to use

- If you think there may be Intellectual Property (IP) or data protection issues arising from your research, please discuss this with your supervisor and then alert the EURSS team. This

may affect what you can include on your poster and whether it can be displayed at the showcase.

Or

Presentation

- A recorded PowerPoint presentation must be a maximum of 10 minutes long and stored in one of the following file formats: mp4, mov, mpeg, mpg or avi

- The first slide in the presentation should include your name(s), home university, academic department(s), project title and the names and universities of your supervisors

- You should include sections on introduction/background, methodology, findings/results, and conclusions, although they do not have to be titled like this. This can be done in text, with images, or a mix of text and images. Also include references and acknowledgements (both in smaller print). Avoid using jargon

- You should acknowledge the EURSS, Erasmus+ (who are providing the funding for the EURSS) and that of any other organisation you have worked with in your presentation. We will provide branded templates for you to use

- If you think there may be Intellectual Property (IP) or data protection issues arising from your research, please discuss this with your supervisors and then alert the EURSS team. This may affect what you can include in your presentation and whether it can be displayed at the virtual showcase

Or

Alternative presentation

- If you intend to present your project through an alternative presentation (e.g. app, video explanation of laboratory experiments, creative project, photo-essay, podcast, etc.), you must obtain email approval from your first supervisor. You should forward this approval to warwickineurope@warwick.ac.uk, including a brief outline of the presentation method to be used. An alternative presentation should still address key content, and also include key names in some way (supervisors, acknowledgements, etc)

Group projects

Members of a group project should collaborate to produce a single poster/presentation/alternative presentation method

Reflective essay / impact statement

Each EURSS recipient will provide a brief reflective essay / impact statement on their experience. This will help you to describe your participation in the EURSS – and the skills you gained from it - in the future (e.g., as part of your CV, interviews, future research and project work).

The essay/statement can be produced as an audio/video file or as a written essay (maximum 500 words in length). Please note, the essay/statement will also be used to improve future iterations of the scheme and will be included as part of the EURSS showcase. There is no set format for this impact statement, but some ideas of what to include are below:

- o Why did you want to take part in the EURSS?
- o What did you do as part of your EURSS project that you haven't done as part of your regular studies?
- o What was the best part of the EURSS programme? What were the most challenging bits?
- o Has the experience led to any changes/developments to your academic studies or career goals?
- o What skills did you use or develop?
- o What new skills or experience did you gain?
- o What have you taken away from the experience?
- o Would you recommend the experience to others? Why/Why not?
- o What difference has the funding made to you?
- o What difference did the international aspect of the EURSS make?
- o How could the programme be improved in the future?

AND, if applicable**:**

- the nature of your contribution to the group project and presentation
- your reasons for presenting your project through an alternative presentation.

The reflective essay / impact statement can be in your home university language(s) or in English.

Group projects

Groups may divide responsibilities as they see fit, but each member of the group should submit a essay/impact statement. These essays may focus on the same area of the project, but must be obviously individual; or they may focus on different aspects of the project so that together they give a full account of the work done by the group.