



Participant Guidelines

The Chiang Research Festival is both a celebration of student research and a forum in which students can test and refine their ideas before submitting their final research portfolios. Running each semester on the first day of the University's RRR week, the Chiang Research Festival will take place this semester on:

Monday, May 6, 2019
10:00AM to 12:00PM • 5th Floor Moffitt Library

NOTE: Students MUST bring their Cal ID to enter the Library

What Happens When We Arrive?

Over 300 students from all sections of College Writing R4B will come together. Refreshments will be served. At 10:00am you will listen to the opening remarks and receive instructions.

What Should We Do to Prepare?

You should practice presenting orally to an audience that is not familiar with your work and consider what feedback would be most useful at this culminating point in the research process. Prepare questions that solicit from the audience/respondent the kind of feedback that would be most useful to you as you revise your research paper.

What Should We Bring?

You should bring a visual aid (e.g., a slideshow, Prezi, poster board) to accompany the oral presentation. If presenting from a computer, you should bring a fully charged laptop. You will also need your Cal student ID to enter the library.

What Should We Do During the Festival?

You will appear twice on the Festival Schedule, representing your two official roles during the event:

Presenter - You will deliver a 10-12 minute presentation of your main research findings to at least one peer.

Respondent - You will be assigned to another student's presentation, where you will take notes on an official response sheet. Once presenters finish, respondents will have 6 minutes to offer comments, ask questions, and facilitate discussion among audience members to help presenters test and refine their ideas. Respondents will give the respondent sheet to the presenter at the end.

In addition to these official roles, you serve an unofficial, but critical role as an audience member.

When not presenting or responding, you should walk around, listen to presentations, participate in discussions, and offer suggestions on where and how student presenters can strengthen their ideas. Printouts of the festival schedule will be posted around the event so you can find topics that interest you; if, however, you see presenters in need of an audience, please go over and join in, ensuring that all students receive maximum feedback on their research-in-progress.

College Writing Programs faculty and staff look forward to celebrating your work at this year's Research Festival!