Questions and Answers

What is SURE?

The acronym means <u>S</u>howcasing <u>U</u>ndergraduate <u>R</u>esearch <u>E</u>xcellence and it is a project that aims to promote the work of undergraduate students at Bournemouth University (BU). The main project activity is the organisation of the SURE conference, a one-day event showcasing the best undergraduate works.

When and where will be the next SURE conference?

The next SURE conference will be on **2 Mar 2016**, starting at 10 am, Kimmeridge House, Talbot Campus. For maps and directions [click here](#).

Who can attend the SURE conference?

The conference is open to all BU students and staff and any external parties invited by the organisers or participants.

Who is eligible to submit and present work at the SURE conference?

All current BU undergraduate and recent graduates are eligible to submit an abstract and present work at the conference.

I am not sure if my work is considered research. Can I submit an abstract?

SURE aims to value all types of undergraduate work and we recognise the differences in work format that exist across disciplines. To be as inclusive as possible, research here is broadly defined. What we will look for in the submissions are evidence of students' own critical thinking, which can be on the application of methodology, literature review, data collection, data analysis, professional practice etc. If you are in doubt, please contact sure@bournemouth.ac.uk for clarification or attend one of the drop-in sessions.

Can I submit an abstract with more than one author?

Yes, submissions can be the work of one or more authors. For example, it is good practice to include your supervisor as a co-author if he/she has assisted you in your work. Similarly, you can have your placement host and/or colleagues as co-authors, if they have contributed to the work. Please ensure you consult with your co-authors before including their names.

Is it possible to have co-authors that are not BU undergraduate students?

Yes, co-authors can be BU staff, undergraduates or postgraduate students or external collaborators (such as someone with whom you worked during your placement or as a volunteer). However, the first author must be an undergraduate student or recent graduate, and the submission must be based on work undertaken by the student.

Can I submit more than one abstract?

You are allowed to submit only one abstract as the first author, but you can take part in other submissions as a co-author.

What should I include in my abstract?

Abstracts should have a maximum of 300 words and have a short but informative title. Typically, abstracts include: a clear statement of your research question or objective of study; a description of the methods used in your work; a summary of the main results; and your main conclusions. At the time of abstract submission, you may still be working on your research and unable to present the final results or conclusions. In this case, you will need to indicate, at the best of your ability, the expected results or outcomes, and state that they are preliminary.

As SURE is a multi-disciplinary conference, you should write your abstract in a language way which is accessible for a broader audience where possible. You can see examples of suitable abstracts by looking at the ones accepted for the British Conference of Undergraduate Research 2014: http://bcur.org/past-events/bcur-14-abstracts/.

How do I submit an abstract?

All abstracts must be submitted through the SURE website (surebu.org.uk) before 10 Dec 2015. The website will be ready to accept submissions from 30 Oct 2015 and instructions will be provided on the website. Abstract submissions must be completed online but you can write the abstract in Word and copy and paste into the online form.

You will need to provide the following information:

First author (Name, programme name, level, email, phone number)

Co-authors (Names, affiliation and email)

Abstract title (maximum 150 characters)

Abstract (maximum 300 words)

Preference of presentation (select from drop down menu)