

Honors Program Conference Opportunities for the 2023-2024 Year

THE MIRACOSTA OMNI HONORS SHOWCASES (OMNI)

Fall: Zoom/SEC/CLC: December 7 & 8 (2023)

Spring: Zoom/SEC/OCN: May 16 & 17 (2024)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE for UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (SCCUR)

CSU Fullerton, November 18, 2023

HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA (HTCC) STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE at UC IRVINE

Saturday, March TBD, 2024: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BAY HONORS CONSORTIUM RESEARCH CONFERENCE at Stanford (BHC)

Friday-Saturday, TBD, 2024

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES:

All of these conferences are friendly, multi-disciplinary showcases that welcome presentations (research, creative production or performance) that reflect inquiry into the humanities, sciences, arts, social sciences, and pre-professional programs. Honors students can submit work in one or more of the following categories:

Individual: One-person oral presentation of findings followed by question and answer.

HTCC: 12-minute presentation with 3 minutes of Q&A.

OMNI/BHC/SCCUR: 15-minute presentation with 5 minutes of Q&A.

Group Presentation: Two or more-person oral presentations of findings followed by question and answer.

OMNI: Time limit by request (Typically 20-40 minutes)

HTCC: 20-minute presentation with 10 minutes of Q&A

BHC: similar

Note: Only one proposal is required for each group presentation.

Poster (HTCC, SCCUR and OMNI Conferences only): Research posters are displayed throughout the day, with students available in the morning for Q&A with attendees and judges.

Performance: (HTCC, OMNI) Student-created art, music, creative writing, drama, dance performed and incorporating an explicit research component.

Important Notes: Students may present a maximum of one individual or group presentation or performance AND one poster presentation. No two presentations may be on the same topic.

HTCC Website: <https://www.honorstransfercouncil.org/>

BHC Website: <http://www.bayhonors.org>

SCCUR Website: <https://www.sccur.org/>

OMNI Website: <https://www.miracosta.edu/student-services/honors-program/conferences.html>

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES:

All proposals must include the following information: student's name, phone number, and email address; the name of the student's faculty mentor, the discipline, and the type of presentation being proposed. Students need to include a brief creative and descriptive title, a one-sentence description that is no more than 25 words, and an abstract. Your proposal must also include a short methodology section of approximately 2-3 sentences (not included in the abstract word count).

Length for Abstracts: for the OMNI, HTCC and SCCUR must be no more than 250 words, 150 words for the BHC. A 400-word abstract may be submitted to the HTCC to compete for scholarships and publication in the conference anthology.

Cited Sources: Each abstract must also include a list of five key sources of information, **formatted as appropriate for the discipline.**

Proposals must be submitted via the abstract proposal link on the Honors website.

Sample abstracts may be found on the MiraCosta Honors webpage. Students must also attend one of the many proposals writing workshops available throughout the Fall semester.

All SCURR proposal materials are due to honors@miracosta.edu by September 21, 2023.

All OMNI conference proposal materials are submitted online at the MiraCosta Conference website by mid-November (FALL) and mid-April (Spring)

Conference proposal materials for the HTCC and Bay Area Honors Conferences are submitted to honors@miracosta.edu by December 14, 2023

Requirements to participate in the conferences:

1. Students must be in good academic standing with the Honors program and the college. Exceptions may be considered on a case by case basis.
2. Students who are not yet in the Honors but are currently enrolled in an Honors class are strongly encouraged to participate in the research conferences.
3. **Students must be available on specific Fridays** to participate in the various preparation activities. (Please see the Conference Prep Calendar).

Expectations of students participating in one or all the conferences:

Students must be able to . . .

- make a firm commitment to the conference (no dropping out at the last minute).
- invest the time that conference prep will take.
- receive constructive criticism and make revisions or adjustments recommended by their mentors and presentation coaches.
- spend time revising work and practicing the presentations.
- respond quickly to all communications from mentors and all Honors reps.

Please note: The administration of MiraCosta College and the coordinator of the Honors Program, in consultation with your mentor, reserve the right to withdraw you from the conference(s) if you fail to follow these expectations and/or fail to make progress toward a successful presentation.

FAQ:

- 1. Do I have to participate in the HTCC Conference to be allowed to participate in the Bay Area conferences?** Yes, the preparation for HTCC and the experience gained are vital to success at the later spring conferences. Exceptions may be considered on a case by case basis.
- 2. Do I have to submit multiple proposals?** The requirements for the Spring conferences are slightly different (HTCC and the OMNI conferences requires a 250-word abstract, BHC requires a 150-word abstract) but all conference proposals for the spring are due at the same time.
- 3. When will I know if I have been accepted?** SCCUR announcements take place rapidly in October. OMNI will announce within two weeks of the fall and spring deadlines. HTCC announces acceptance in the middle of January; BHC announces in late February.
- 4. What are the costs associated with participation?** The Honors Program will pay for costs associated with registration, transportation, and accommodations for all conferences. Students are required to provide and wear business-casual attire at every conference presentation.
- 5. May I come to a conference if I'm not doing a presentation?** Yes, there are opportunities for volunteers at the HTCC and OMNI conferences – please email honors@miracosta.edu.
- 6. Will the Honors program pay for printing my poster?** Currently, the program only pays for poster printing for the HTCC and SCCUR conferences.
- 7. If I drop out, will I have to pay the program back for my registration fees?** Unless, it is a medical situation, yes for the WRHC and BHC conferences.
- 8. Do I always have to have a faculty mentor to participate in conferences?** 100% yes!
- 9. Do I have to stay for the entire conference?** 100% yes! Leaving early and not supporting your fellow students is not permitted.

FAQ for conference days:

1. **How many students are presenting at the same time?** Typically, there are three to four students presenting in one hour-long session, and there are multiple sessions running simultaneously. HTCC offers about 250 oral presentation and 80 poster presentations in one day. BHC offers about 85 oral presentations in one day but no posters. SCCUR is one of the largest undergraduate conferences in California with approximately 400-500 oral and poster presentations.
2. **How big are the audiences?** HTCC, OMNI and SCCUR audiences run about 15-20 people, BHC more like 40.
3. **Are the questions hard?** All these conferences are meant to introduce students to the research conference experience so you shouldn't get impossible questions. Most questions are encouraging and supportive, though they are certainly harder at BHC than HTCC. However, your extensive research and all of the Honors conference prep will help you to handle questions easily.
4. **What else happens at the conferences?** It's not just about giving your own talk or presenting your own poster. You will get to see many other interesting presentations, too. And do not be surprised if people approach you after your talk to discuss your research. This is one of the exciting parts of attending conferences!