

Abstract Preparation Instructions

CAES Undergraduate Research Competition

1. The abstract should be a concise summary of factual information rather than a general description of the project. It should contain (without such designations) (1) the objective(s) of the project, (2) methodology, (3) results, and (4) conclusion(s). Only information to be presented should be included in the abstract and only data related to the objectives should be reported. Abstracts should show evidence that the data was statistically analyzed, as appropriate.
2. The title is limited to **150 characters**, including spaces.
3. The abstract is limited to **2,500 characters**, including spaces.
4. Work from other authors or reference citations should not be included in the abstract.
5. The abstract should be written by the student with oversight from the faculty mentor. The quality of the abstract will count for 20% of the overall score. Points will be deducted from abstracts that:
 - a. Contain grammatical or typographical errors;
 - b. Contain meaningless statements such as “the results will be presented;”
 - c. Present data that were not part of the research project’s analysis;
 - d. Present opinions rather than facts;
 - e. Are not submitted on time