

Foundation Board Student Research Showcase  
Call for nominations Due 2/8/12

The March SUNY New Paltz Foundation Board meeting will be held on the afternoon of March 15, 2012 (approximately 4:30-5:30p). RSCA is sponsoring the Student Research Showcase for Board members. We are seeking nominations for students to present research/ creative activities posters at this event. The details provided below can also be found at:

<http://www.newpaltz.edu/research/usr.html> (see January 2012 information)

This event will provide an outstanding opportunity for students and faculty to interact with the Board, which consists of important members of the New Paltz community. Students will gain experience presenting the products of research/ creative activities and insight from Board members. By talking with the students and faculty, the Board members will gain first-hand knowledge of the learning experiences associated with the research and creative activities as well as the inspiring accomplishments of our students.

We are asking faculty to nominate a student (or a student research group) who has worked on a significant research project. Both graduate and undergraduate students may be nominated. Recent graduates may also be nominated.

The nomination letter must address the following characteristics of the student(s):

- ability to attend the March 15<sup>th</sup> event with the faculty mentor(s);
- ability to produce an final abstract/ project description by February 22, 2012 (date may be earlier);
- ability to describe the project (including process) to individuals not familiar with the field of study;
- ability to describe the project in a poster format/ appropriately sized display (instructions: use the SRS guidelines at [http://www.newpaltz.edu/research/srs/poster\\_instructions.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/research/srs/poster_instructions.html));
- ability to explain the relevance and impact of the project to NYS and broader communities;
- ability to understand her/his role as a representative of SUNY New Paltz;
- willingness to have the abstract/ project description printed in a commemorative document;
- willingness to work with mentor on preparation of a brief oral presentation of the poster ('elevator talk');
- representativeness of the diversity our student population; and,
- Hometown (as a representation of diversity).

The nomination should also include an abstract/ project description (no more than 300 words) with a 1-2 sentence description of the relation to liberal education ([http://www.aacu.org/leap/what\\_is\\_liberal\\_education.cfm](http://www.aacu.org/leap/what_is_liberal_education.cfm))

The RSCA Advisory Board will review the nomination letters and choose the research projects (4-5) that will be invited to present. Alternates will also be selected and invited to attend should additional poster space become available. Recommendations will be made to the President's office and the students will be informed of their selection status before February 13<sup>th</sup>. Projects will be selected to represent the diversity of disciplines and diversity of student backgrounds (including geographic). The quality of the project, the connections to liberal education, and the relation of the project to issue relevant to NYS will also be considered.

Nomination letters should be sent to [rsca@newpaltz.edu](mailto:rsca@newpaltz.edu) with 'foundboard' in the subject line. The nomination letter must be saved in a pdf format and must contain the student(s) email information and hometown. Supplementary information will not be considered. Letters are due on February 8, 2012.

