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Undergraduate Research Symposium to Celebrate Student Achievement

Summary: Students will present their research, creative, and scholarly work during the 13th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

(April 19, 2013)-Students will present their research, creative, and scholarly work during the 13th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS) on Saturday, April 20. Spanning the Morris campus, this event celebrates the diversity and quality of student scholarship in all disciplines. The URS is free and open to the public.

“The URS has become the signature event for sharing the ‘innovative...student scholarship and creative activity’ [highlighted] in Morris's mission statement,” says Jeffrey A. Ratliff-Crain, professor of psychology and 2013 URS Committee co-chair. “It is meant to be a celebration of that work.”

Adiroopa Mukherjee '15, Pune, India, is both the student representative on the 2013 URS Committee and a presenter for the event. Her project examines the history of global adoption as well as the shifts in societal attitudes that have caused certain trends to arise. As someone invested in human rights issues, Mukherjee hopes to pursue a legal career in a related field. She values the experience she is gaining by presenting at the URS.

“I believe an appreciation of this information is important to a society like ours that continually stresses gender equality,” Mukherjee says. “I am glad that the URS is giving me the opportunity to pursue that kind of interest academically.” She adds that serving on the committee has been extremely rewarding, and she looks forward to sharing her research with the campus community.

Poster displays will be available for viewing from 9:30 until 11 a.m. in the Science Atrium, and a formal welcome by Morris Campus Student Association President Dillon McBrady '13, Maple Lake, will begin at 10 a.m. Oral presentations will begin at 11 a.m. throughout the Science Building.

A second welcome by Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson, Bart Finzel, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, and Becca Gercken, associate professor of English and American Indian Studies and 2013 URS Committee co-chair, will begin at 1:15 p.m. in Imholte Hall 109, followed by the [featured presentation](#) at 1:30 p.m. Additional oral presentations will begin at 2:30 p.m. throughout Imholte Hall. The day will close with the featured performance at 4 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Funding for this activity is generously provided by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean, the University of Minnesota Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), and the Divisions of Education, Humanities, Science and Mathematics, and Social Sciences.

Additional information, including the program book and a detailed schedule, will be available [online](#).

Photo: Poster displays in the Science Atrium during the 2012 URS.

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