RESEARCH PAPERS

Students will submit papers for consideration for either the Oral Presentation or the Poster Session. Projects must be original investigations on experimental, field, observational, or applied research in the science, engineering, mathematics fields.

Paper Submissions
- Papers must be prepared according to the Guidelines listed at the JSHS website. Students will submit in one of two categories: Oral Presentation Session or Poster Session.
- Students should visit the Illinois Junior Science and Humanities pages for an explanation of submissions that must accompany the research paper (Abstract, Biological Sketch, Student Photo, and Statement of Assistance).

Paper Review
- A committee of faculty at SIU, as well as the IJSHS Coordinator, will review all submitted research papers, meet to discuss the merits of each paper, and select which students are to present at the Symposium.
- Students who are not selected to present in the Oral Presentation may be extended an invitation to present their research at the Poster Session.
Note: The Symposium reserves the right to reject papers if guidelines are not followed. Papers that are resubmitted from a previous year must be substantially advanced or they will not be considered for presentation.

Oral Presentation
Presenters will have 12 minutes to present their project with the aid of a PowerPoint presentations, and three minutes for questions from the judges.

Poster Session
The poster session takes place in the Student Center, after the conclusion of the Oral Paper Presentations. Presenters will have five minutes to present their research to a three judge panel, and five minutes for questions from the judges.

Sample Paper
Arun Thottumkara, a first-place finalist in both the 2003 Illinois and National JSHS, has given permission to post his paper, “Oxidation of Benzyl...Esters Using a Novel Hypervalent Iodine Reagent” as a reference item for Illinois JSHS students and teachers. Arun's paper has also been published.
Thank you, Arun!!

Article and tips on preparing your presentation for JSHS (Student presenter and National JSHS winner) - pdf.