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Program Overview

In order to achieve the objectives of King Saud University, the Deanship of Scientific Research has taken pioneer measures and steps to encourage and integrate undergraduate students at King Saud University into the scientific research process by launching the Undergraduate Research Support Program (URSP) since 1435 – 1436 AH (2014 – 2015 AD) aiming to attract and engage the undergraduates in the process of scientific research and to develop their research skills and values in order to raise a generation of qualified researchers in various scientific fields.

The program seeks to support the best and most qualified undergraduate research proposals in different fields and specialties that undergo competitive and rigorous evaluation process to select the promising and feasible ones that are intended to be implemented and completed within one year. Supported proposals are implemented under the supervision of faculty members in the university in order to help providing the undergraduate researchers with research experience and to enhance their communication and to strengthen their research continuity with faculty members. The program supports research projects submitted by undergraduate students at King Saud University including graduation-research projects, internship-research projects, and course-research projects. Furthermore, the program allocates a hundred (100) research grants to support research projects submitted by undergraduate students of the “Distinguished and Talented Students’ Program”.

Moreover, selected research projects are supported financially through payment of the expenses spent during the implementation of the research project. The program also promotes scientific publication by providing a monetary reward to support research publications. The reward is, consequently, specified according to the journal index category among which include Web of Science- ISI journals, journals listed in global databases, and journals approved by the Scientific Council at King Saud University. In addition, the program provides a financial students’ reward linked to their research publication.

The program encourages undergraduate researchers to present their work in scientific conferences, local or international, as it offers a monetary incentive for their conference participation. In addition, the program promotes the students’ scientific experience by enhancing the students’ competitive nature to obtain scientific prizes by providing an additional monetary award bonus for those undergraduates who win a scientific award while participating in any recognized scientific conference.

Additionally, the program provides the opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students in various disciplines at King Saud University to participate as a student research assistant in any of the research

projects submitted to the Undergraduate Research Support Program or to any other programs related to the Deanship of Scientific Research. This initiative has been introduced to improve students' research skills and to enhance their opportunity to participate in the research process that enrich their curriculum vitae and scientific publications. The program provides the participants with a certificate documenting their research training experience in addition to their inclusion in the authorship or in the acknowledgement of the published research paper according to the ethical participation in the research work with a written agreement that is supervised by the Program Management.

The program offers an online basic research training course for undergraduates enrolled in the program. Additionally, it coordinates students with several centers for laboratory training in any specialized scientific research technique. The program has also collaborated to provide the opportunity for both undergraduates and graduates to undergo field training upon application in several disciplines (such as translation, law, graphics design, administrative and technical affairs, computer and electronics, IT support, media, public relations, and marketing fields). Training can be performed in any of the departments that belongs to the Deanship of Scientific Research in order to provide practical experience and to improve training skills for applicants that prepare them for the Saudi labor market.

The program, additionally, holds an annual meeting for undergraduate students participating in the program that provides them with an opportunity to present their research outputs and to honor the excellent students and publishers, thereby, further displaying the program's keenness to highlight the student's research activities.

Program Objectives

- To promote the knowledge and understanding of scientific research among undergraduate students at King Saud University.
- To encourage and attract the largest number of undergraduate students at King Saud University and integrate them in the research process.
- To prepare a qualified generation of researchers in various scientific fields.
- To prepare, build, and develop the scientific research skills of undergraduate students.
- To train undergraduate students to perform different research techniques.
- To provide undergraduate students with the research experience of faculty members at the university.

- To strengthen the research communication between undergraduate students and faculty members.
- To instill the values and ethics of scientific research among undergraduate students.
- To enhance the quality of scientific research production and publication among undergraduate students to serve the research process and enhance the vision of the Deanship of Scientific Research.
- To encourage undergraduate students' participation in scientific and international conferences.
- To enhance competition among undergraduate students for scientific awards.
- To promote an understanding to a collective scientific teamwork among undergraduate students.
- To create an attractive environment that supports distinction and creativity in scientific research.
- To strengthen the role of the Deanship of Scientific Research in promoting and sponsoring academic research projects.

Targeted Groups

- Undergraduate students at King Saud University.
- Faculty members at King Saud University.

Areas of Support

URSP supports research proposals submitted by Undergraduate students at King Saud University, including:

- General undergraduate research projects.
- Undergraduate course projects.
- Graduation projects.
- Internship projects.
- Distinguished and talented students' program projects within the (100) research grants allocated to them by the URSP.

Aspects of Support

- Research completion support.
- Student reward.
- Research publication support.
- Outstanding publication bonus.
- Participation in scientific conferences reward.
- Scientific awards reward.

Terms and Conditions

Terms and Conditions for Participating in the Program:

1. For Undergraduate Researchers:

- 1.1 Research proposals should be submitted by undergraduate students at King Saud University.
- 1.2 The undergraduate student is allowed to participate in two research proposals within the same cycle.
- 1.3 An undergraduate student is not entitled to participate as a principal investigator in more than one research project within the same cycle. However, he/she may participate as a principal investigator and a co-investigator, or as a co-investigator in a maximum of two research proposals in the same cycle.
- 1.4 Priority of acceptance will be for proposals submitted by undergraduates who did not have the opportunity to participate in the program previously.
- 1.5 Applications will not be accepted after the end of the specified submission period.
- 1.6 Research proposals should be ready for implementation after signing the contract.
- 1.7 Proposed projects should be completed within one year from the date of signing the contract. However, graduation and internship projects' intended period of completion would be determined according to the expected date of graduation.
- 1.8 The project supervisor should provide a detailed evaluation report of the student's performance during the middle and the end of the research project.
- 1.9 The undergraduate researcher (and the supervisor) must submit a final copy of the completed research project to the program's administration at the end of the agreed period.
- 1.10 Students applying for a graduation or internship project must submit the final copy of the completed research to the program's administration prior to their graduation. Consequently, they

should communicate with the program's administration after publication of the research for post-publication support.

- 1.11 The student researcher (and the supervisor) should submit the scientific ethical approval for their research project (if required) to the program's administration during the agreed research period, maximum with the mid-report submission and before receiving the financial support.
- 1.12 The total financial value approved by the program to support research completion is a total of ten thousand Saudi Riyals (SR 10,000) – seven thousand (SR 7,000) of which is allocated to cover the expenses (provided as invoices) spent for research completion and three thousand (SR 3,000) as a reward for the undergraduate researcher(s).
- 1.13 The student's reward (SR 3,000) is only provided after the publication of the research, with the requirement to write the program's approved acknowledgement in the published paper.
- 1.14 Research applications can be accepted for an individual student researcher or for a group of student researchers, provided that the student's award (SR 3,000) is to be divided equally between them.
- 1.15 The terms of spending the research allocated budget of SR 7,000 should comply with the unified regulations determined for scientific research at King Saud University. Accordingly, 60% of the budget items should be allocated to the research materials and tools and 40% to the human resources and manpower as approved by the financial administration at the university.
- 1.16 Upon publication of the research project, the published paper should include the approved acknowledgement to the Undergraduate Research Support Program at the Deanship of Scientific Research at King Saud University for supporting the research, as stated below in the Approved Acknowledgment section.
- 1.17 The program accepts applications to support post-publication proposals from students who are not enrolled in the program under the condition that the published paper should include the statement of approved acknowledgement to the program.
- 1.18 The post-publication support will be divided with the participating student(s) such that two-thirds are to be submitted to the supervisor, from which the supervisor can use to pay off the publication fees, and one-third to the student investigator(s).
- 1.19 The value of the outstanding publication bonus shall be determined according to the classification of the published scientific journal.

- 1.20 The reward for participation in scientific conferences shall be divided equally among the participating students.
- 1.21 The reward for attaining a scientific award shall be divided equally among the participating students.
- 1.22 Students must commit to the ethics of scientific research at all the stages of the research project in accordance with the Charter of Ethics of Scientific Research. For more information, please visit the following link:

http://dsrs.ksu.edu.sa/ar/comm_Policies .
- 1.23 Special cases shall be submitted to the Supervisory Committee of the program for discussion and consideration. Proposed recommendations are forwarded to the Deanship for the final decision.

2. For Faculty Supervisors:

- 2.1 The project supervisor should be a faculty member (or equivalent) at King Saud University.
- 2.2 The project supervisor should be responsible for the research project's scientific, practical, and financial supervision.
- 2.3 The project supervisor should submit detailed mid-project and final project reports explaining the distribution of tasks of the research team and detailed achievements of the participating student(s) during the agreed period to implement the research proposal.
- 2.4 The project supervisor (and the student) must submit the final copy of the completed research project to the program's administration at the end of the agreed period for the implementation of the research project.
- 2.5 The project supervisor must deliver a signed "Publication Agreement Form" with the undergraduate researcher(s) along with the submitted final copy of the executed research to the program's administration.
- 2.6 The project supervisor (and the student) should submit the scientific ethical approval for their research project (if required) to the program's administration during the agreed research period and before receiving the financial support.
- 2.7 **Research execution expenses** shall not be covered until after the mid-project report has been submitted by the supervisor, accompanied by the approval of the scientific research ethics (if

required), in addition to the delivery of original stamped and certified invoices for a value not exceeding seven thousand Saudi Riyals (SR 7,000). Moreover, the expenses should comply with the unified rules of scientific research and financial administration at King Saud University along with the proposed budget items included in the submitted application form during the agreed period of implementation of the project.

- 2.8 The project supervisor will receive the amount of the **publication support** after publishing the research paper according to the classification of the scientific journal in which the paper was published. The publication support will, in turn, be divided with the participating student(s) such that two-thirds are to be submitted to the supervisor, from which the supervisor can use to pay off the publication fees, and one-third to the student investigator(s).
- 2.9 The name of the student researcher(s) must be included as author(s) in the manuscript at the time of publication. The order of authorship names should be arranged in accordance with the prior agreement between the researchers and in accordance with the Code of Ethics of Scientific Research, with a written copy of Authorship Agreement Order to be submitted to the Program's Administration.
- 2.10 The faculty member may supervise a maximum of two research proposals during the same cycle.
- 2.11 The faculty supervisor shall notify the program's administration in the event that he/she abandons the supervision of the research project and, henceforth, must nominate or recommend a replacement to ensure that the project execution is not delayed.
- 2.12 Special cases shall be submitted to the Supervisory Committee of the program for discussion and consideration. Proposed recommendations are forwarded to the Deanship for the final decision.

Terms and Conditions for Student Reward:

- The program offers a financial reward to the student(s) after the publication.
- Writing the approved acknowledgement to the program in the published research is a requirement to receive the student's reward.
- The student reward is to be divided equally among the students in the research project.
- The value of the student reward is three thousand Saudi Riyals (SR 3,000).

- The student reward is paid once for each research proposal.

Terms and Conditions for Post-Publication Support:

- The program offers a financial support after the publication.
- Writing the approved acknowledgement to the program in the published research is required.
- The published research should include the student investigator(s) as the author(s), and the order of authorship is arranged in accordance with a prior agreement between the researchers based on the ethical provisions of scientific research. A copy of the Order of Authorship Agreement should be submitted to the Program's Administration.
- The post-publication support will be divided with the participating student(s) such that two-thirds are to be submitted to the supervisor, from which the supervisor can use to pay off the publication fees, and one-third to the student investigator(s).
- The post-publication reward depends on the classification of the scientific journal in which the paper has been published as displayed below:

Index of Venue of Publication	Incentive Amount
1. Web of Science-ISI	SR 10,000
2. SCOPUS	SR 7,000
3. Department and Scientific Council approved journals	SR 5,000

Outstanding Publication Bonus

- The program offers an additional reward for publication in Q1, Q2, or Q3 journals of the ISI global journals. The amount is to be determined by the Program Committee later.

Terms and Conditions for Rewarding Participation in Scientific Conferences:

The program offers a financial incentive reward (offered once) to the student(s) if he/she participate in a known or approved scientific conference inside or outside Saudi Arabia.

- The student should be enrolled in the program.
- The reward is paid once for each research proposal.
- Writing the approved acknowledgement to the program in the research participated in the conference

is requirement to receive the reward.

- The student reward is to be divided equally among the students in the research project.
- The reward value paid can be displayed as follows:

➤ Local conference participation	SR 1,000
➤ International conference participation	SR 2,000

- The award is divided equally among the participating students.

Terms and Conditions for Rewarding Scientific Awards:

The program offers a financial incentive reward (offered once) to the student(s) if his/her research project won a scientific award from an approved scientific source.

- The student should be enrolled in the program.
- The reward is paid once for each research proposal.
- Writing the approved acknowledgement to the program in the research participated is a requirement to receive the reward.
- The student reward is to be divided equally among the students in the research project.
- The reward value is one thousand Saudi Riyals (SR 1,000).
- The award is divided equally among the participating students.

Statement of Approved Acknowledgement

All the student publishers and those who participated in scientific conferences in addition to those who won awards through their participation in conferences should write the approved acknowledgement to the program which thanks the Deanship of Scientific Research at King Saud University for supporting and funding the research project through the Undergraduate Student Research Support Program as follows:

“The authors extend their appreciation to the Deanship of Scientific Research at King Saud University for funding this work through the Undergraduate Research Support Program, Project no. (URSP- – –)”

Application Processes

Mechanism for Program Submission:

- The students should fill in the “**Undergraduate Research Support Project**” application form found on the [URSP Website](#).
- The students should send the completed application form to the program’s email usrsp@ksu.edu.sa (prior to the cycle’s deadline).
- Submitted proposals undergo academic review and arbitration.
- The principal investigator (the student researcher) should complete the required adjustment from the referee.
- The Program’s Supervision Committee finalizes decisions on which projects are eligible for support.
- In case the student does not nominate a faculty supervisor in the application form, the Program’s Supervision Committee will nominate a suitable advisor for his/her project from the supervisor’s database available in the program.
- The contract will be signed between the Deanship of Scientific Research and the student – or main researcher in case the research project is not individual – and the faculty member supervising the research.

Mechanism for Requesting Research Support:

- The supervisor should submit an official letter to the program’s administration requesting the research’s agreed expenses accompanied with the following:
- Student’s mid-project report.
- Scientific ethical approval (if required)
- Original approved invoices, which should not exceed a total value of SR 7,000, according to the unified rules of scientific research and financial administration at King Saud University.
- All the payments requested will be reviewed and verified by the program’s Supervisory Committee before payment approval.

Mechanism for Requesting Student(s) Reward:

- The student principal investigator should submit an official letter to the program’s administration through usrsp@ksu.edu.sa requesting the student's reward (value SR 3,000) along with the following documents:
 - ✓ A copy of the **published research paper** highlighting the stated program’s approved acknowledgement.
 - ✓ A **written pledge** from the principal investigator to divide the reward equally among the participating students (if the research is not done by an individual student).
- All the payment requests will be reviewed and verified by the program Supervisory Committee before payment approval.

Mechanism for Requesting Post-publication Support:

- The student principal investigator (or the supervisor) should fill and submit the “**Undergraduate Research Publication Support Request**” form (available on the URSP Website) along with the following documents:
 - ✓ A copy of the **published research paper** highlighting the stated program’s approved acknowledgement.
 - ✓ A copy of the “**Agreement to Publish a Research Project**” form signed by the supervisor and the student researcher(s) and approved by the program's administration.
 - ✓ A **written pledge** from the project supervisor to divide the reward among the research members with two-thirds to be submitted to the supervisor, from which the supervisor can use to pay off the publication fees, and one-third to the student investigator(s).
 - ✓ A **written pledge** from the student principal investigator to divide the reward equally among the participating students (if the research is not done by an individual student).
- Send all forms (with attachments) to usrsp@ksu.edu.sa.
- All the payment requests along with the attachments provided will be reviewed and verified by the program Supervisory Committee before payment approval. In addition, the program Supervisory Committee will determine the outstanding publication bonus for research projects published in Q1, Q2, or Q3 journals of the ISI global journals as previously mentioned.

Mechanism for Requesting Conference Participation Award:

- The student principal investigator should submit an official letter to the program's administration through usrsp@ksu.edu.sa requesting his/her reward for participating in a conference along with the following documents:
 - ✓ A copy of the **conference participation certificate**.
 - ✓ A **written pledge** from the student principal investigator to divide the reward equally among the participating students (if the research is not done by an individual student).
- All the payment requests will be reviewed and verified by the program Supervisory Committee before payment approval.

Mechanism for Requesting Reward for Scientific Award:

- The student principal investigator student should submit an official letter to the program's administration through usrsp@ksu.edu.sa requesting the reward for attaining the scientific award along with the following documents:
 - ✓ A copy of the **award certificate**.
 - ✓ A **written pledge** from the student principal investigator to divide the reward equally among the participating students (if the research is not done by an individual student).
- All the payment requests will be reviewed and verified by the program Supervisory Committee before payment approval.

Supporting Initiatives for Undergraduate Students

The Undergraduate Research Support Program (URSP) offers many initiatives that support undergraduate students including:

1- Research Assistant Initiative for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

The program offers the opportunity for undergraduates and graduate students at King Saud University in various fields to participate as a research assistant in one of the research projects of the Undergraduate Research Support Program or of other programs presented by the Deanship of Scientific Research aiming to refine their research skills and provide them with the experience by learning different techniques in addition to giving them the opportunity to participate in the scientific research process which will enhance their CV and scientific publishing. Consequently, they will receive a certificate highlighting their experience in scientific research. Furthermore, their names will be included in the published paper in the authorship or the acknowledgement section depending on their participation in the research project and in accordance with the scientific research ethics. A written agreement with specified terms and conditions will be supervised by the program's administration. Nevertheless, it should be noted that any training expenses will not be covered by the program.

Supporting sectors: Vice Rector for Female Student Affairs and research centers at King Saud University.

2- Research Training Initiative for Undergraduate Students

▪ Online Research Preparation Course:

The program offers an online fundamental research preparation course in the "Basics of Scientific Research" for the enrolled undergraduate investigators.

Course Objectives:

- 1- To prepare the undergraduates students for the research process.
- 2- To develop research skills for the undergraduate students.
- 3- To train the undergraduate students in writing research proposals.
- 4- To establish the concept of the basics of scientific research.
- 5- To strengthen and promote the culture of scientific research.

All enrolled students should complete this research preparation training course.

Supporting sectors: The Deanship of E-Transactions and Communications at King Saud University.

▪ **Technical Research Training Specialized Research Technique(s):**

Enrolled students can apply to the program's administration requesting coordination for training in any specialized laboratory research technique in order to develop their research skills that can be applied in either their particular project or for general learning purpose. However, the program will not cover any training expenses.

The program requires a report from the training entity which evaluates student performance during the training process.

Supporting sectors: Research chairs, research centres and specialized labs at King Saud University.

3- Field Training Initiative for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

The program offers the opportunity for undergraduates and graduate students at King Saud University to undergo field training and practical application in administrative, technical, electronic, media, public relations, and translation fields through the collaborative efforts of the Deanship of Scientific Research's department with various colleges and training centers aiming to provide practical experience and to improve training skills in preparation for the Saudi labour market. However, the program will not cover any training expenses.

Supporting sectors: King Saud University colleges.

4- Student Initiative Representative of the Deanship of Scientific Research

The program aims to involve distinguished students in the research process in order to promote scientific contribution of undergraduates within their colleges by establishing the student initiative, the Representative of the Deanship of Scientific Research in colleges, for undergraduate students at King Saud University since 1436 H. This initiative has been undertaken in order to activate the program in colleges and to enhance the undergraduate's participation in the scientific research supported by the program in addition to enhancing the full communication and collaboration between the Deanship of Scientific Research and the colleges at King Saud University.

Supporting sectors: Colleges at King Saud University.

Objectives:

- 1- Supporting the research environment in the colleges by getting acquainted with all offers that the Deanship of Scientific Research provide from programs that support the scientific research and research publication at King Saud University.
- 2- Identify the research tools available through the Deanship of Scientific Research and support the interaction with the programs offered in order to increase its participation.
- 3- Encouraging undergraduate students to participate in the Undergraduate Research Support Program.
- 4- Advertising and marketing of the activities organized by the Deanship of Scientific Research within the colleges in order to enhance attendance and participation.
- 5- Continuous improvement of the scientific research system in order to raise the efficiency of researchers within the colleges by supervising and coordinating the holding of a quarterly / annual program that includes a series of lectures, workshops and panel discussions in the colleges.

Assigned Tasks:

- 1- An effective link between the Deanship of Scientific Research and the different colleges in the University in order to overcome the difficulties and obstacles facing the bachelor students in doing scientific research by:
 - Effective communication with undergraduate students directly, through social media, and by e-mails.
 - Encouraging the research environment around students in different colleges of the University by spreading the information about all programs provided by the Deanship of Scientific Research, that support the scientific research and publication in KSU, in order to encourage participation of students and faculties.
 - Introducing research services provided by the Research Support and Services Unit at the Deanship of Scientific Research in order to achieve the maximum benefit from the Unit.
 - Encouraging undergraduate students and faculty members to participate and submit their research proposals to the program.
 - Distribution of the program announcements and coordinating for advertising and marketing of various programs and initiatives provided by the Deanship of Scientific

Research in order to connect them to all target groups in the colleges through the use of available advertising tools in colleges such as electronic screens or allocation of a bulletin board in each college to the Deanship of Scientific Research.

- Coordinating halls-reservation of in the colleges.
- 2- Participation of student representatives with the Undergraduate Research Support Program's management in developing a mechanism for introducing undergraduate students and faculty members to the program at the colleges, such as presenting presentations and answering questions about the program.
- 3- Participation of student representative with the Undergraduate Research Support Program's management in holding quarterly / annual courses and programs that include lectures and workshops about scientific research at the colleges.
- 4- Encouraging undergraduate students in colleges to publish their research studies and to participate in conferences and to receive scientific awards.
- 5- Participation of student representatives in the development of strategic plans of the Deanship by organizing and marketing the activities and research outcomes supported by the Deanship of Scientific Research in the colleges.
- 6- Attending meetings and regular communication with the Undergraduate Research Support Program's management.
- 7- Preparation and submission of two comprehensive reports: Mid- and final-reports on the following:
 - The strategic plan followed to carry out the assigned tasks.
 - Total number of students applying for the program from the assigned college during the Undergraduate Research Support Program's assigned round.
 - Difficulties and obstacles encountered (if any).
 - Presenting developmental proposals to enhance the research process in the college.

Advantages for the Student Representatives:

- 1- Presenting a certificate of appreciation from the Deanship of Scientific Research.

- 2- Presenting a certificate of excellence for the most interactive and contributing to raising the student participation from the College in the program to support the research of undergraduate students.
- 3- The priority of registration in the online fundamental research preparation course on basics of scientific research.
- 4- Providing the opportunity to request research technical training in laboratory techniques in one of the KSU- specialized laboratories in order to refine their research skills.
- 5- Priority of participation as a research assistant in one of the research proposals applied to the program.

5- Undergraduate Research Skills' Record Registration Initiative

In the belief of the importance of research skills gained from undergraduate students during the completion and implementation of research proposals within the program and enrich self-curricula, program management has worked in coordination with the concerned authorities since 1438 - 1439 AH on the adoption of the calculation of the research activity for undergraduate students during their academic period as a research skills training approved in the technically gifted skills record, that training research hours are determined by the supervisory committee on the program according to the stage of the research and the level of achievement of the students.

Supporting sectors: Deanship of Students affairs at King Saud University.

Annual Scientific Meeting for Undergraduate Researchers

In order to highlight the undergraduate student investigators' research activity, the Undergraduate Research Support Program (URSP) holds an annual meeting for its enrolled undergraduate students to present their research outcomes and honor published research projects and distinguished undergraduate researchers.

Objectives of the Annual Scientific Meeting

1. To enhance the role of the Deanship of Scientific Research by encouraging and supporting the undergraduate scientific researches.
2. To introduce the USRP and its mechanisms of support.
3. To present the program's achievements in previous cycles.
4. To attract the target groups (undergraduate students and faculty members) to enroll in the program.
5. To promote the knowledge and understanding of scientific research among undergraduate students.
6. To present the research outputs of undergraduate students.
7. To prepare the undergraduate students for various local and international scientific competitions.
8. To exchange the research experience among the enrolled undergraduate researchers.
9. To market the research outputs of undergraduate students (publishers and researchers).
10. To honor the researchers and distinguished students in the program.
11. To honor the research faculty supervisors in the program.
12. To strengthen the connection between the Deanship of Scientific Research and undergraduate students and faculty supervisors.

Targeted Groups

- Undergraduate students at King Saud University.
- Faculty members at King Saud University.

Scientific Competitions

The program holds a scientific competition during the Annual Scientific Meeting for oral and posters presentations targeting enrolled undergraduate students to enhance their competitive spirit and knowledge in research.

1. Oral Presentation Competition for Undergraduate Researchers:

- **Target category:** Undergraduate students enrolled in the URSP.
- **Awards:** The best three (3) presentations are to be awarded.
- **Terms and conditions:**
 - ✓ The presentation should not be longer than seven (7) minutes.
 - ✓ The student should use the URSP approved template.
 - ✓ The student should send the presentation (in PowerPoint format) to the program's events email (URSPevents@ksu.edu.sa).
 - ✓ The names of all the participating students involved in the research and their supervisor must be listed in the first slide of the presentation.
 - ✓ The Name of the presenting student should be listed as the first name in the first slide.
 - ✓ If the research project was published, the publication link should be added to the first slide.
 - ✓ The program's approved acknowledgement should be included in the poster. As such, the approved acknowledgement can be accessed through the following link:

https://dsrs.ksu.edu.sa/sites/dsrs.ksu.edu.sa/files/imce_images/syg_lshkr_lmtmd_mn_lbrn_mj.pdf
 - ✓ The participating student must be present at least fifteen (15) minutes before the time of the presentation.
 - ✓ The oral presentation can ONLY be displayed by the student main researcher/participating student involved in same research project.
 - ✓ The supervisor is not allowed to display the research during the contest.
 - ✓ It is advised to put the research participant's email address in the presentation in order to ease communication with others who are interested in the presented research project.
 - ✓ The participating student can distribute copies of the presentation to the visitors.

- ✓ The non-compliant presenters will be excluded.
- ✓ The URSP evaluation criteria should be reviewed by the presenting student before the competition.

2. Poster Presentation Competition for Undergraduate Researchers:

- **Target category:** Undergraduate students enrolled in the URSP.
- **Awards:** The best three (3) posters are to be awarded.
- **Terms and conditions:**
 - ✓ The poster should be adjusted to size (A0) – portrait view.
 - ✓ The student should use the URSP approved template, with the possibility of making some changes in the content of the template taking into account that the logo of King Saud University should be kept on the top right corner and the Deanship of Scientific Research to be written under the logo. In addition, the program's logo should be kept in the top left corner of the poster.
 - ✓ The names of all the participating students involved in the research and their supervisor must be listed in the poster.
 - ✓ The Name of the presenting student should be listed as the first name in the poster.
 - ✓ The program's approved acknowledgement should be included in the poster. As such, the approved acknowledgement can be accessed through the following link:
https://dsrs.ksu.edu.sa/sites/dsrs.ksu.edu.sa/files/imce_images/syg_lshkr_lmtmd_mn_lbrn_mj.pdf
 - ✓ It is advised to put the research participant's email address in the poster in order to ease communication with others who are interested in the presented research project..
 - ✓ The student should ensure that the poster writing is clear (readable from a distance of one meter).
 - ✓ The poster's content should comply with the ethics of scientific research.
 - ✓ The participating student should send the poster (in PowerPoint format) the program's events email (URSPevents@ksu.edu.sa) to review before printing.
 - ✓ The student should send the final copy of the poster in both PowerPoint & PDF format to the

program's events email (URSPevents@ksu.edu.sa).

- ✓ The program's administration will take the responsibility of printing the research poster upon final review.
- ✓ The student is not allowed to modify or change the poster after final transmission, nor is entitled to replace it at the time of presentation.
- ✓ The poster can ONLY be presented by the student main researcher/participating student in same research project.
- ✓ The supervisor is not allowed to present the poster during the contest.
- ✓ The presenting student must be present next to the poster at least fifteen (15) minutes before the arbitration time.
- ✓ The poster evaluation is intended not to be longer than seven (7) minutes for each poster.
- ✓ The researcher student can distribute additional small copies of the poster to the visitors.
- ✓ The non-compliant presenters will be excluded.
- ✓ The URSP evaluation criteria should be reviewed by the presenting student before the competition.

Contact Us

- **The Program's Website:**
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