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General Information

How do I register for UnERD 2025?

UnERD 2025 registration will consist of two parts. Both MUST BE COMPLETED to be considered fully registered for podium or poster presentation. Individuals who only complete part 1 or part 2 are NOT registered to present at UnERD 2025.

Part 1 of registration requires you to provide information about your research. Upon completion, an email will be sent to you with the Quercus page for UnERD 2025.

Part 2 of registration is abstract submission. For more details regarding abstract submission please see FAQ: When is the abstract submission deadline?

Due to the number of applicants, **the registration deadline (part 1) is on July 30th 11:59pm**

When and where is UnERD 2025 taking place?

UnERD 2025 is set to take place on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at the Myhal Centre for Engineering Innovation and Entrepreneurship. This is a full-day event in which undergraduate engineering students get to present their research to a broad audience of fellow students, faculty and industry professionals.

If I am presenting in a pair do we both need to register?

If you are presenting in a pair (i.e. same project with two presenters), both of you have to fill out the registration form (part 1), but only one of you have to submit the abstract on Quercus.

Am I eligible to present at UnERD 2025?

Undergraduate students from the University of Toronto Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering and students doing research with a Faculty of Applied Sciences & Engineering professor are eligible to present at UnERD 2025.

How long is each type of presentation?

Each research project (podium or poster) will consist of a 10-minute presentation followed by a 5-minute Q&A session.

Do we choose whether we are doing a poster or podium presentation?

Presentation format (podium or poster) will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis depending on your selection when you register. Once registration has closed we will confirm each participant's presentation format.

Abstract

When is the abstract submission deadline?

There are two abstract submission deadlines. Submitting your abstract in either round confirms your registration for UnERD 2025. The first round of abstract submission is open on Monday, July 14, 2025, and closes on ~~Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. (EDT).~~

1st round deadline extended to Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 11:59 pm (EDT).

If you submit your abstract during the first round of submissions, you will receive feedback on your abstract and you will be eligible for ALL awards including abstract awards. You will have the opportunity to either revise and resubmit your abstract in the second round of submission or stick with your original abstract. If you choose to resubmit your abstract, the most recent version will be used for award consideration.

The second round of abstract submission is open on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, and closes on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 11:59p.m. (EDT). Students who wait until the second round of abstract submission to submit their abstract will NOT be eligible for abstract specific awards and will NOT receive any feedback.

Abstract word count: 250 words

What's the difference between design and non-design abstract submission?

The difference between design and non-design abstracts lie in the focus of the research itself. A design-oriented project is focused on innovating and creating new designs and

implementations with tangible results. Coding and simulation projects are considered design if the project is focused on creating the software, rather than utilizing it.

A non-design project will focus on analysis and review rather than creating and implementation. These focus on utilizing pre-existing methods and tools and applying to a research question, rather than implementing or building a solution, prioritizing analysis and simulation.

As an example, an Aerospace Engineer may take on a project focused on airplane wings. A design project may work on creating a new wing, or develop a machine learning model to identify weaknesses in the wing. A non-design project may take different currently existing wings and run them through simulations to identify which model is best suited for their current needs.

Will averages be released?

No, please do not ask for this

My mark is not out yet. When will it be released?

We have released most of the marks, but please understand we have nearly double the registrations we were expecting, and it is taking some time. We apologize for any delays, and we will make sure to account for the delay when releasing submission 2

Do I need to cut down my word count to the 250 limit for the final submission?

Yes, we will be double-checking word count for the second round, and those who are noticeably over the limit will be penalized

Special Requests

Is it possible to change my research question, podium / poster or research category?

Please submit a special request form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/7mqzUuwGYW>. We will send you a confirmation email after the change has been updated.

If I am doing multiple research can I do more than one presentation at UnERD?

No, due to a large influx of abstract submissions you can only do one presentation either in poster or podium. Presenters that previously submitted their request form for two presentations will only present one of their research. You will be contacted shortly for your decision.

Can I present if we are a group of more than 2?

If you are a group of 4 or above you will have to do separate presentations. Groups of 3 are allowed, please email us at unerd@engineering.utoronto.ca to confirm.

If I do not have Quercus access how do I submit my abstract?

Please email us at unerd@engineering.utoronto.ca and we will provide the next steps.

I forgot to register in time for the 30th. Can we still register?

No, the deadline to register was the 30th, and we currently do not have the space to accommodate late registrants.