



COGS presents  
**Graduate Annual Research Recognition Conference**  
Program Schedule  
Spring 2009

Title: Graduate Annual Research Recognition Conference (GARRC) presented by the Council of Graduate Students (COGS)

Tag Line: *Aspire to Achieve!*

Objective:

The conference will showcase graduate/professional research with a culmination of ideas and innovation from multi-disciplinary fields.

Aim/Long term Goal:

The conference would provide a perfect opportunity for our graduate/professional student researchers to gain valuable experience in presentation at a formal/informal setting. GARRC will be a sound way to make connections within the academic circle, within the University, and provide information about multidisciplinary research that is currently happening at MSU at the graduate/professional level. In addition, the process of translating academic work into a format that is appealing to lay audiences represents a valuable professional development opportunity for graduate/professional students.

Population: Graduate/Professional Students at MSU as potential presenters; MSU faculty, staff, employees, students (undergraduate/graduate), local community members as the potential audience.

Presentation Requirements: There will be two missions for this multi-disciplinary, theme-based conference. The first and main mission will be to showcase graduate work that has been recently completed and presented at national or regional conferences in form of posters or oral presentations. The graduate/professional students would be challenged to translate this research into a format that is easily understood by people of all backgrounds. The second mission would be to provide a forum where our graduate/professional students could present a less polished work, receive feedback and suggestions for future improvement. Participants in the conference will compete with each other for awards based on their success at this translation, and the overall quality of their research work. It is anticipated that GARRC will also provide an opportunity for less polished papers to take the form of publishable papers in the near future. To maintain a critical quality of the conference, all research work presented at GARRC must be endorsed by the Research Guide/Advisor of the participant.

Specific Program Details: *(tentatively)*

**Friday, February 27, 2009**

- 9:00 – 10:00am : GARRC Opening Ceremony (Coffee /Light Breakfast)  
10:00 – 12 noon : Conference Papers + Poster Presentations  
12:00 – 12:50pm : Break (lunch on your own)  
1:00 – 4:00pm : Conference Papers + Poster Presentations  
5:00 – 6:30pm : GARRC closing ceremony and presentation of participation certificates and awards

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Thank you once again for your kind consideration and generous contribution toward GARRC.