



RCWS Frequently Asked Questions

Showcase student learning and celebrate the university's commitment to student inquiry and signature work

Due to distance learning requirements, this year's Research and Creative Works Symposium (RCWS) will take place virtually on April 22.

Can people outside of Southwestern access the virtual Research and Creative Works?

This is a great opportunity for students to share their research and creative works. All presentations will be accessible to the SU community and the public. The student can make their presentation more understandable and accessible to different audiences in order to increase the impact of research.

Will there be opportunities to engage with the presenters?

Yes! All proposals will be uploaded to the all-in-one event management app Whova. This modern and trendy event app will attract and engage attendees effectively.

I am a faculty member. How will I be able to view my students' work?

Whova has provided a [tutorial guide](#) with basic steps to sign into your event, participating in sessions, networking with other attendees, and making sure you feel comfortable and excited about navigating Whova.

I am not sure the best option for my research, can someone help me?

Yes! Ben Belz is available to meet virtually with students. He is working remotely, but can be reached at Belzb@southwestern.edu.

Can I view my proposal submission?

Yes! At the time you submitted your proposal you would have received a Response Receipt in the email that you provided in your submission. If you are unable to locate your Response Receipt, send an email to RCWS@southwestern.edu and request another Response Receipt.

Will the virtual RCWS be synchronous (real time) or asynchronous (no defined time)?

This year, the RCWS will be using the Whova platform. This platform will allow the students to submit their projects as photos/posters, upload recorded videos, or to host livestreams on the day of the symposium.

I submitted a group proposal, how do I coordinate with them now that we are social distancing?

There are many resources available to help groups collaborate remotely like [Google Meet](#). If your group does not want to participate, you can change your proposal to an individual

presentation by sending an email to RCWS@southwestern.edu and request to change the presentation style.

I would like to host a live presentation of my research, can I do that?

Yes. Whova's platform consists of an award-winning event app, easy online registration, powerful event marketing, and time-saving event management tools, for face-to-face, virtual or hybrid events.

If I need to change my submission how do I do it?

Send an email to RCWS@southwestern.edu and note the change you would like to make in detail.