The University of Akron Interdisciplinary Symposium (UA-IS) encourages undergraduate and graduate students to submit their original scholarship, collaborative work, creative works, or research for presentation in April at UA. The conference will take place on April 14th (from 8am-4pm) at The University of Akron’s Student Union (Student Union Ballroom, 3rd Floor). Participating in UA-IS will give students the opportunity to present their innovative research, collaborate, and network with the community and departments across campus, experience aspects of formal academic and professional meetings at a local setting, and get exposed to scholarly research endeavors of other UA students. Students who present at the UA-IS will be eligible to win a cash award. All first-place winners will have to prepare a 3-5 minute speech to present at the award ceremony that details their research or scholarship. Registration to present at UAIS is FREE for all University of Akron students.

The theme for the second annual UA-IS is Nurturing the Seeds of Innovation. A central goal of the University of Akron is to provide students and faculty with a sustainable environment that will produced innovative scholarship and research. UA-IS strives to contribute to this goal by bringing a wide range of scholarly pursuits together to highlight the phenomenal academic work the students at UA have done. Additionally, the inclusion of community partners, faculty and other students from diverse disciplines will allow for the potential for collaborative work and inspire future academic pursuits. By giving students and community members this opportunity, we aspire to display the importance of academic research and scholarship as a valuable tool for learning and community development.

Please join us at The University of Akron to explore interdisciplinary research and creative works that inspires, innovates, and creates leaders of tomorrow. Consider this an opportunity to not only gain a richer understanding of the academic landscape and possibilities for interdisciplinary collaboration at the UA, but also as a chance to showcase your unique work to members of the University and greater Akron community.

Complete details are available online: [https://uakron.edu/uais](https://uakron.edu/uais)

The submission portal will open on October 20th.

The submission deadline is January 31, 2020.

Best, The Interdisciplinary Symposium Planning Committee