

Asked Questions About The National Undergraduate Research Clearinghouse

WHAT ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION?

The National Undergraduate Research Clearinghouse is funded by Eastern State College and the National Science Foundation. There is no cost to use the Clearinghouse.

WHAT TYPES OF MANUSCRIPTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUBMISSION?

Any manuscript can be submitted. They can be empirical studies or literature reviews. The site encourages an interdisciplinary approach.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT A MANUSCRIPT?

Undergraduate research that was conducted when the author was a college student is eligible for submission. A registered user or sponsor must agree to sponsor the manuscript.

WHAT ARE THE SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS?

Manuscripts must be sponsored by a registered faculty member. The sponsor provides students with a logon and verification to indicate sponsorship.

HOW DO I BECOME A REGISTERED SPONSOR?

Go to the Clearinghouse web site (<http://clearinghouse.mwsc.edu>). Click on "I am a registered user." This will bring up a dialog box that allows you to register as a sponsor. Your identity will be verified.

DOES THE CLEARINGHOUSE JUST INCREASE PLAGIARISM?

Students will always plagiarize. Before manuscripts were on the web, dishonest students could always go to a journal and plagiarize the material presented there. It is our job to educate undergraduates how to conduct ethical research and how to properly cite references. The Clearinghouse is designed to assist students with conducting and disseminating

STUDENTS OFTEN DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTERS. WHAT ARE THE SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS?

The site has been designed to function with all browsers. Any version of Netscape, Microsoft Internet Explorer, and even some text based browsers (e.g. Lynx) will work. If you would like to include figures in your submission, you need Netscape version 2.0 or greater, or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or greater.

IF MY STUDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN PUBLISHING THEIR RESEARCH PROJECTS, DOES POSTING A MANUSCRIPT ON THE CLEARINGHOUSE PRECLUDE THEM FROM SUBMITTING IT FOR PUBLICATION?

No. Your students have the right to remove their text from the Clearinghouse and transfer the copyright to a journal or other publication. Full instructions for doing so are posted on the site.

IF THE CLEARINGHOUSE ACCEPTS ALL SUBMISSIONS, HOW IS QUALITY CONTROLLED?

Quality is controlled through faculty sponsorship. Any sponsored manuscript will be eligible for inclusion in the database. A review mechanism is also incorporated into the Clearinghouse.

CAN STUDENTS LIST THEIR SUBMISSIONS AS A PUBLICATION OR PRESENTATION?

Yes. Follow your professional organization's guidelines for citing electronic media.

CAN STUDENTS POST MANUSCRIPTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED?

No. They can, however, generally post an abstract and a link to contact them for a reprint.

CAN STUDENTS REVISE A MANUSCRIPT ONCE THEY HAVE SUBMITTED IT?

Manuscripts can be edited or deleted by the user or the sponsor. The date of original submission is recorded, along with the date the