



## CONFERENCE VIP AWARDS

2021 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE

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### Official Rules and Award Details – April 2021

The Undergraduate Research Center at UC Davis announces the **2021 Conference VIP (Very Important Participant) Awards!** We will also have a Conference VIP Raffle. Currently enrolled UC Davis undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend the virtual **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE** where they can receive recognition with academic awards for their active participation viewing pre-recorded videopresentations. ***You do not have to be a conference presenter to be a VIP!*** To compete for the VIP awards, students must 1) [register with the URC](#) to access the virtual conference and 2) watch **at least 3** research videos and 3) provide comments or ask questions to the presenter about their research project for each video watched. (Presenters are already registered and also eligible to participate!) Conference attendees (and presenters) can begin watching and commenting on research video presentations from Wednesday, April 28 at 12:01am until Saturday, May 1 at 11:59pm PST. Students are encouraged to post comments and ask questions consistent with our campus [Principles of Community](#) in mind.

**NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT IS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE.** The Conference VIP Awards and Conference VIP Raffle is open to currently enrolled UC Davis undergraduate and graduate students who have registered with the URC by April 27th, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. to attend the [UC Davis 2021 Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference](#), which will be held online from Wednesday, April 28 at 12:01am to Saturday, May 1 at 11:59pm.

**TO PARTICIPATE:** Any currently enrolled student (including presenters) can attend, view and comment or ask a question for **at least 3** pre-recorded video presentations during the virtual conference. Participants are subject to compliance with the following requirements. ***You do not have to be a conference presenter to be a VIP!***

### **INTERNET ACCESS AND LOGIN TO VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE.**

Student attendees will be granted access to the virtual conference by registering with the URC at this [LINK](#) by April 27 at 12:00pm and then they will **receive an email with the link to access the Conference by 5:00 p.m. April 27, 2021.**

### **RECOGNITION**

Names of Conference VIP Awardees will be posted on the URC website and/or social media accounts to recognize contributions to the success of our Virtual Conference. To opt out of award recognition, students must contact the URC at [urc@ucdavis.edu](mailto:urc@ucdavis.edu) within 3 business days of being notified as a winner (i.e. no later than May 19, 2021 if notifications are sent by May 14, 2021). The names of VIP Raffle winners will also be posted on the URC website. In the case of the raffle, if the potential winner does not respond to the prize notification within three business days after initial attempted contact, the prize may be forfeited, and the URC will select an alternate raffle prize winner. Receiving an academic award or raffle prize is contingent upon meeting the eligibility and/or academic criteria set forth by the conference committee and laid out above. The list of all VIP award and raffle winners will be available on the Undergraduate Research Center website after May 31, 2021.

## AWARD DETAILS and CONTEST TIMING

- **Virtual Conference Registration Period:** Begins April 14, 2021 and ends no sooner than April 27, 2021.
- **Viewing Video Presentations:** Starts Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:01am and ends Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm (PST).
- **Announcement of Winners:** Winners will be contacted no later than May 14, 2021 and then announced on the Undergraduate Research Center webpage, Facebook page, Twitter account, and Instagram account. The list of winners will be available on the Undergraduate Research Center website after May 31, 2020.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Viewing Video Presentations:** Starts Wednesday, April 28 at 12:01am and ends Saturday, May 1 at 11:59pm (PST).
- **Number of comments/questions:** View and comment or ask a question for **at least 3** pre-recorded research video presentations during the virtual conference to be entered in the VIP raffle.
- **Commenting on Research Video Presentations:** Comments should be related to the research project and presentation. Comments should follow the UC Davis Principles of Community and must remain constructive and encouraging. Substantive comments and questions are encouraged. Comments should be thoughtful, and evident of someone who has viewed and reflected on the research presentation.
- **Conference VIP Raffle:** All eligible students who view and comment/question on 3 or more video presentations (as described above) will be entered into a raffle and the winner's names will be drawn at random.
- **Conference VIP Awards:** Recipients of VIP awards will be selected based on GoReact Analytics for students who views the most videos and participates by asking the most substantive comments/questions (i.e. as determined based on quantity of comments and questions, number of words per comment/question, and overall quality of participation).

## NUMBER OF AWARDS/PRIZES AND CHANCES OF WINNING

Contest VIP Awards: There will be 20 VIP award winners, with awards ranging in value from \$100-\$500. The chances of receiving an award depends on the number of video presentations viewed and comments/questions posted for video presentations, and also the number of other students registered attending the virtual conference.

Raffle: There will be 20 raffle prize winners. Raffle prizes are \$25 electronic gift cards. Odds of winning one of the raffle prizes depends on the number of eligible students who register to attend and participate in the virtual conference. Employees of the URC are not eligible for prizes.

Prizes will be awarded as electronic gift cards. The URC makes no offer of any warranty or guarantee, either express or implied (including, without limitation, quality, merchantability and fitness for a purpose) in connection with this contest or any prize. Prize details and availability are subject to change, in which case a different gift card or prize of equal value may be substituted at the URC's sole discretion.