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DEAN'S PRIZE FOR RESEARCH

Instructions for Abstracts

To enter the Dean's Prize competition, you must submit a one-page abstract describing your research along with a letter of nomination from your faculty research sponsor to the Office of Curricular Affairs no later than 5 PM on **Friday, October 9 (electronically only to studentresearch@medsch.ucsf.edu)**. Your abstract should be well planned and carefully written since selection of the finalists in the competition will be based solely on the abstracts and the supporting letters.

To be selected as a finalist in the competition, you must explain clearly both what you did and why. Your abstract must include a 1) a clear and concise (no more than two sentences) statement of your research question or hypothesis, 2) a brief summary of the background of the project, 3) a synopsis of the methods you used in your research, and 4) a summary of the conclusions of your study. You should bear in mind that many members of the Student Research Committee, who will be judging your abstract, are not experts in your field of research. Consequently, your abstract should be written in language that would make it intelligible to any member of the UCSF faculty. Be careful to avoid jargon.

Your abstract **must be limited to one page**, have margins of at least 1 inch on all sides, and use a 12-point or larger type size (no more than 10 characters per inch).

Be sure to give your sponsor the letter describing what should be included in the sponsor's letter.

The names of the finalists in the competition will be announced after **Monday, October 26, 2009**. Finalists will present 10-minute oral presentations to the committee on **Friday, November 20, 2009**. The winning research talk will be presented at a reception that will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**.