



Inquiry Conference

For eighteen years, BYU's International Inquiry Conference has served as a forum for students of all disciplines to present their cross-cultural research and an opportunity for the university community to participate in discussions reaching beyond our campus to the international world.

Many past Inquiry Conference presenters have lived and researched for three or more months overseas under the direction of skilled faculty mentors. However, overseas experience or research is not necessarily required for participation in the conference.

Presentations by students cover a variety of topics, such as international development, health, gender, and religion. The conference's continued success is rooted in its commitment to featuring cross-cultural research, engaging discussion, and reflective analysis by presenters and attendees alike.

Interested students, university faculty, and the public are invited to participate in the 17th annual Inquiry Conference, which is scheduled Thursday, 10–Friday, 11 November 2016.

The conference will consist of up to two full days of student research presentations, grouped thematically into conference sessions each about two hours long. Each session will include both presentations and discussion.

Submissions

Topic Requirements

The Inquiry Conference welcomes submissions from all disciplines. Papers that utilize cross-cultural research or are otherwise based on experience abroad are especially welcome. However, any academic paper that is international in scope or content will be considered.

Participant Eligibility

Submission to the Inquiry Conference is open to all students at BYU or other universities regardless of major or field work. Submissions will be accepted prior to either of the two deadlines for submission (see Submission Deadlines below). All pending submissions will be reviewed for acceptance to the conference after each deadline; early submissions, therefore, will have an increased chance of being accepted. Submissions not accepted following the first call will automatically be considered again during the final call selection process.

Prospective participants will receive e-mail notification on receipt of their accurately completed submission forms. All final acceptance decisions will likewise be communicated via e-mail by Friday, 23 September 2016.

Accepted participants will be required to attend an orientation meeting and conference workshop on Saturday, 1 October in order to participate in the Inquiry Conference.

Expectations of Presenters

Presentations will be grouped into thematic conference sessions that last approximately two to two-and-a-half hours. Individual presentations will last for fifteen minutes with ten minutes for questions from the audience. Presenters will have access to standard slide presentation equipment with audio/video capabilities.

Submission Deadlines

Advanced call: Tuesday, 12 April 2016

Final call: Wednesday, 16 September 2016

Submission Guidelines

The submission form may be accessed by clicking “Submit Now” at the bottom of this page or in the top right. Information may be typed or pasted into the form. In addition to personal contact information and basic details regarding academic background and field experience, prospective presenters should be prepared to provide the following with their submissions.

Papers

The ideal submission is of a completed academic research paper. As such, papers should carefully follow relevant disciplinary standards for format, grammar, syntax, and source citation.

Proposals

Works still in progress will also be considered for inclusion in the conference. Proposals should include the following:

- Faculty mentors: their names, departments, and levels of involvement.
- Funding sources and credit hours (if any).
- A presentation title.
- A research abstract (250 words or less). This should be a summary of the research project that will be presented. This portion of your application should be thoughtfully prepared and polished. All abstracts of all accepted projects will be printed in the conference program.
- A brief description of the research methods (200 words or less).
- A literature review or annotated bibliography.
- A brief and general timeline of research.

Presenters will be accepted based on their demonstration of cultural engagement, thoughtful academic exploration, and ability to articulate their experience.

Please direct questions about the submission requirements or submission form to inquiry.byu@gmail.com or (801) 422-3445.

Inquiry Journal

Published by the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies, *Inquiry: The Journal of Student Cross-Cultural Field Research* highlights outstanding student

international research that has been presented at the annual Inquiry Conference. Papers cover a variety of topics such as development, health, gender, and religion. See Related Content on the right column for examples of past issues of *Inquiry*.

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