



Sigma Xi Succeeds

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Program Name: Sigma Xi Research Symposium, Speaker Series

Please Provide a Brief Description of the Program:

To celebrate the end of academic year, both graduate and undergraduate students display their research posters at the research symposium. We select various topics for Speaker series. For example, we will be holding a panel discussion, titled "Advancing interdisciplinary research and teaching at Saint Louis University," next week. This event is co-sponsored by the University's Research Office.

Target Audience:

Chapter Members

Non-members at your Institution

What is the frequency of the event?

Once a semester

What are the goals of the program?

To advance scientific research, to reach off-campus communities, and to integrate students into faculty's research.

How do you publicize for the program?

Email to members

Through Sigma Xi Communities

Through other internal email lists

Flyers and brochures

Social Media

Campus news link

What advice would you provide to other chapters if they are interested in implementing this program? In other words, what worked for your chapter and what didn't?

We need a critical mass of people who are passionate about the goals. Just 2-3 people can do many tasks, which is not ideal and not fair. The reality is that people are just too busy. However, for junior faculty, this is a part of University and Professional service which will be listed under Service when they go up for tenure and promotion.

How is the program funded?

Local support from Sigma Xi

Institutional support

We collaborate with some on campus associations and various departments

Do you feel you have achieved those goals? How do you assess that? Surveys, feedback, attendance rate...etc.

We have not achieved the goals to the extent we wish.

Other Comments

We discussed at the virtual meeting of chapter development taskforce regarding approaching universities of other countries. There are interests. For example, I am from Japan, and some of my colleagues at universities in Japan are interested in developing a chapter. Further, many international students at SLU became a member. When they return to their home countries, they are likely to develop new chapters. I would like to see these chapters all over the world not just in North America or a few countries in Europe.