

Visualizing Research Impacts

Purpose

The Visualizing Research Impacts (VRI) competition is designed to encourage SIUE scholars to communicate to the public the results and impacts of their research and creative activities.

The image can be a photo, drawing, painting, collage, etc. Scholars can create the image themselves or collaborate to create the image.

Research and creative activities are broadly defined as all creative, critical, scholarly, and/or empirical activity that expands, clarifies, reorganizes or develops knowledge or artistic perception. This definition includes the theorization, demonstration, implementation, and application of research.

Eligibility

This competition is open to SIUE faculty, staff, and students who are currently involved in a research project or creative activity at SIUE. All qualified entrants are encouraged to apply, including minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and protected veterans.

Timeline/Dates

All entries must be submitted by the **First Business Day of October**.

Award letters will be sent out in December.

How to Apply

Applicants submit their full proposal by completing the Visualizing Research Impacts form in Quali Build. You can access this form on the [Graduate School's Forms page](#). Applicants with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access at (618) 650-2333.

Each entry consists of submitting a statement and a single image. Your submission's must comply with the following requirements:

- 1) **Statement:** Maximum of 200 words. Describe your research and its significance. Describe your research results and/or impacts that are represented by the image.
- 2) **Image Requirements**
 - a) **Originality:** The image must be an original work of the scholar and/or collaborator.
 - b) **Resolution:** Minimum of 300 dpi at a 9" x 12" image size. High resolution images are required so that they may be reproduced in print. Standard print resolution is 300 dpi, at the dimensions that will be used. (For example, a 2" x 3" 300 dpi image cannot be

reproduced at 9" x 12" and still maintain quality, the image should be 9" x 12" or larger at 300 dpi to be reproduced at 9" x 12".)

- c) **File Type:** JPEG with no or the least amount of compression possible.
 - d) **File Name:** Name the file with the submitter's name and image title in the following recommended format: VRI_LastName_ImageTitle
- 3) **Photo Release:** Photographers taking photos for use in university communications that feature people must obtain a signed photo release form from all subjects who are visibly recognizable in the photograph. Crowd scenes taken in a public location in which no single person is the dominant feature are exempt and do not require a release. The release form can be accessed at: <https://www.siu.edu/marketing-and-communications/services/photography/photo-release.shtml>
- 4) **Copyright Certification:** By entering the competition, the applicant certifies that the following statements are true:
- a) The submitter hereby declares that they are the sole legal copyright owner of the submitted image.
 - b) The submitter certifies that the submitted image is an original work and grants permission to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville the use and publishing rights for promotional purposes.

Award Description

Two awards will be made: (1) Best Representation of Research Impact and (2) Most Creative Representation of Research Impact. Awardees will receive a monetary award to be used toward their scholarly activities at SIUE or professional development at the following rates:

- Best Representation of Research Impact: \$1,500
- Most Creative Representation of Research Impact: \$1,500

Awarded collaborative applications will split the monetary award amount evenly.

Winning images and other competition entries may be featured in an issue of *Research and Creative Activities* magazine or on SIUE's website.

Review Process

A panel of SIUE alumni will choose the winners based on how well the images by themselves represent the research results to the public.

Program Materials

- Visualizing Research Impact Guidelines

Program Contact

Any questions concerning this program may be directed to the Graduate School at siueresearch@siue.edu.