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Undergraduate Research Center

Office of Undergraduate Education

Request for 2021 Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference

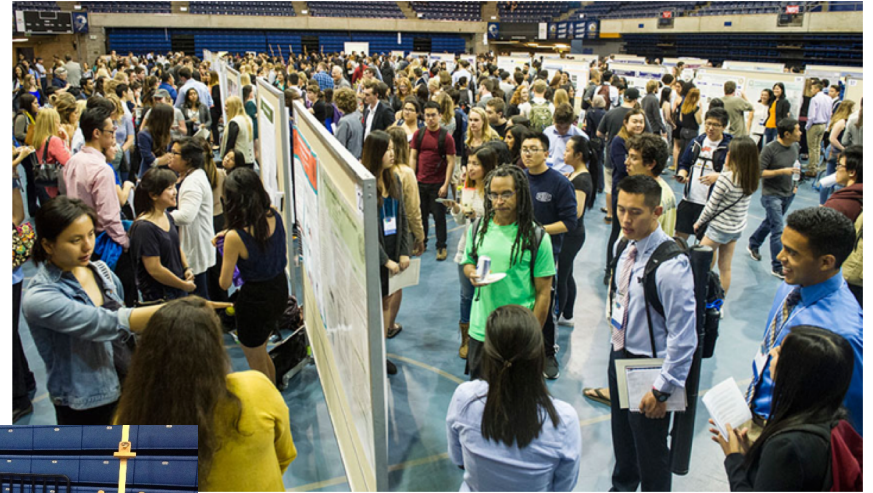
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Conference Highlights

- Campus collaboration co-sponsored by URC, UE, Student Affairs, Library and Global Affairs
- Open to all majors and all students
- Event includes posters, oral presentations, and arts & design exhibits
- Great opportunity for first-time presenters to build communication and presentation skills, and gain confidence
- Valuable networking opportunities for students to interact with faculty, graduate students, staff and peer scholars
- Event showcases and celebrates the impressive research and design projects by undergraduate students
- Recruits new students to get involved with faculty-mentored research and design projects

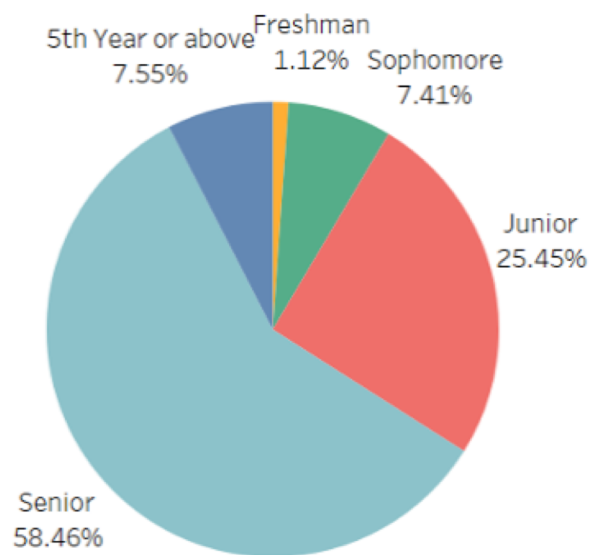
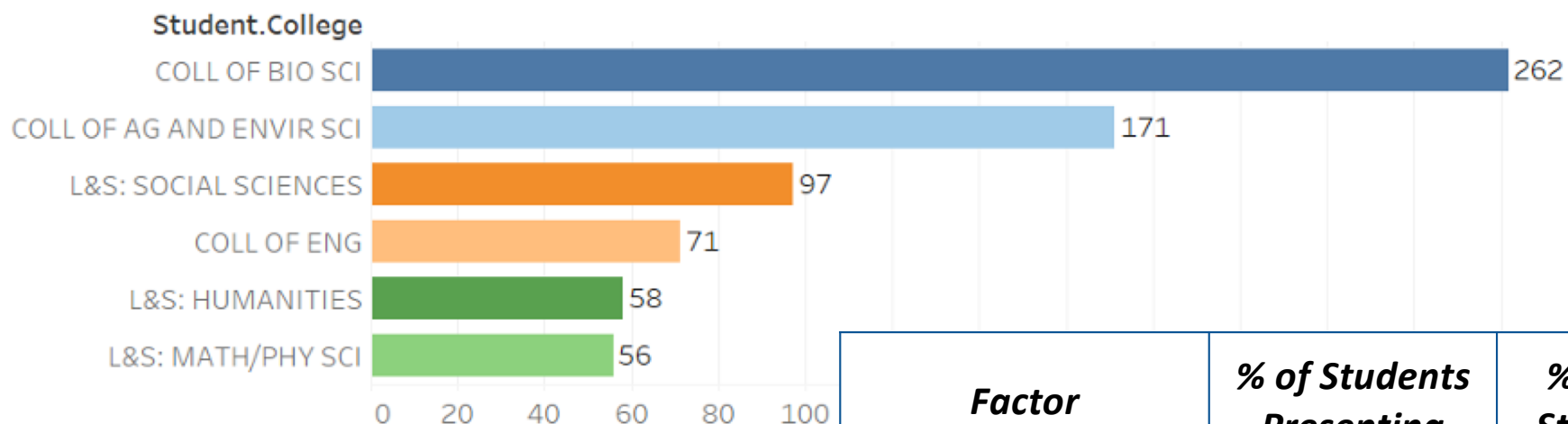


“...the Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference gave me the skills I needed in order to succeed in the future. These skills were invaluable when I had the opportunity to attend other professional conferences.”

Srijita Pal, 2017 UC Davis Graduate



Students Presenting at Conference



<i>Factor</i>	<i>% of Students Presenting</i>	<i>% of All Students</i>
Transfer students	22.4%	25.7%
Female	67.3%	59.6%
Low-income	35.1%	41.1%
First Generation	36.6%	44.8%
URM	26.8%	27.4%
International	10.1%	13.5%



Measurement of Student Population

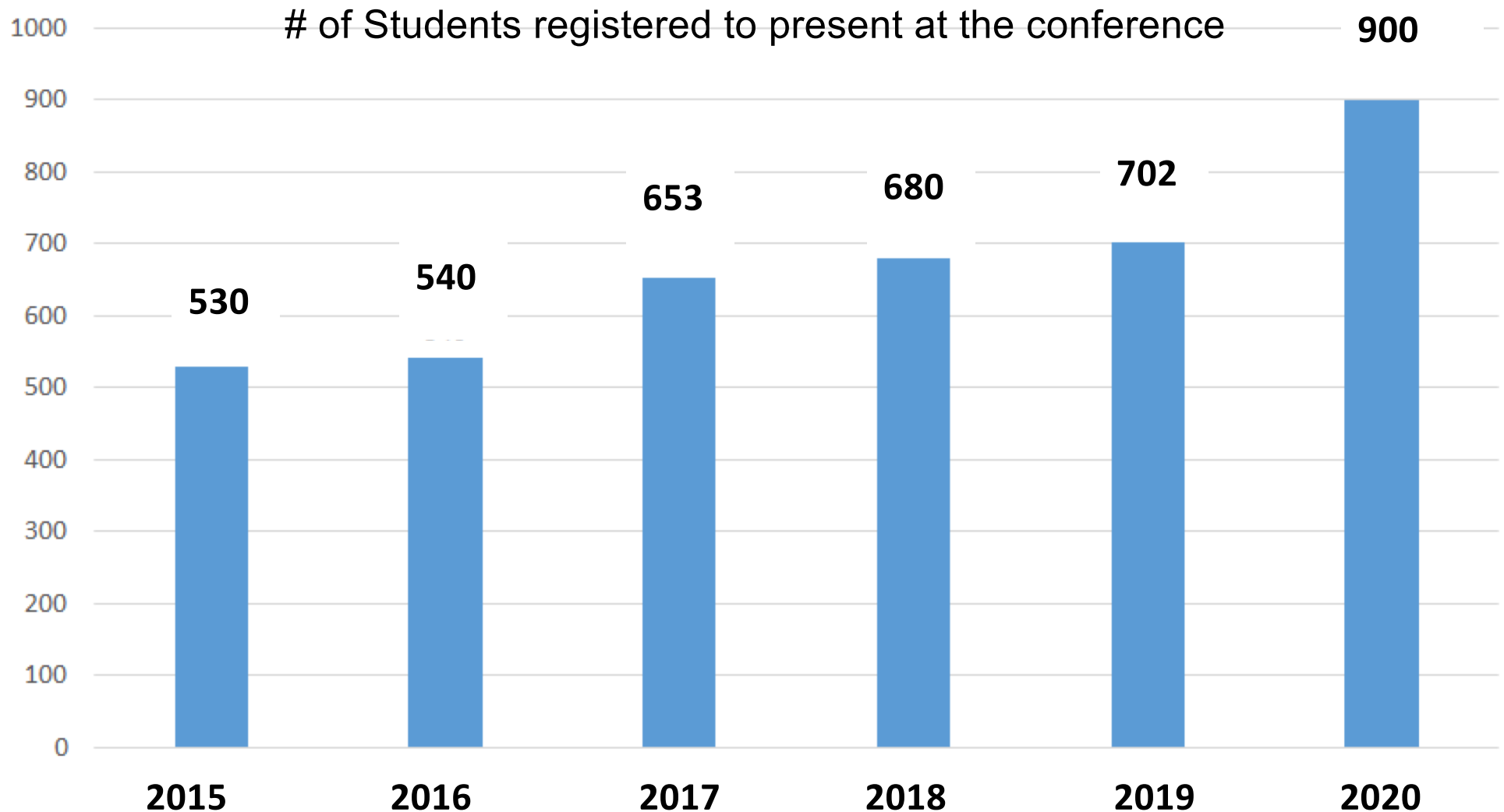
How is the data for student population being measured?

- Conference Registration Site (February deadline): Students submit abstract and register to present
- Day of the Conference (April event): All presenters check-in for event; volunteers count attendees
- Survey of presenters 1-2 weeks after conference
- Conference Statistics tracked by URC staff:
 - >Conference has grown from 19 student presenters in 1990 to now over 900 students registered to present in 2020.



Measurement of Student Population

Growth of Conference





Clarification of Food Budget

“Please clarify the need for a large food budget.”

- **What We Provide**

- Chips & Salsa, Cookies
- Water, Lemonade
- Free Bites to limit food waste

- **Why We Provide Food**

- Celebration to recognize student accomplishments
- Common practice at professional conferences
- Standard Hospitality
- Entice guests to attend

- **Number estimation for food order**

- 160 presenters per poster session (4 session total)
- 20 Arts & Design Exhibit presenters
- 360 guests per session (at least 2 guests per student presenter)
- 35 faculty moderators per session
- 30 student volunteers

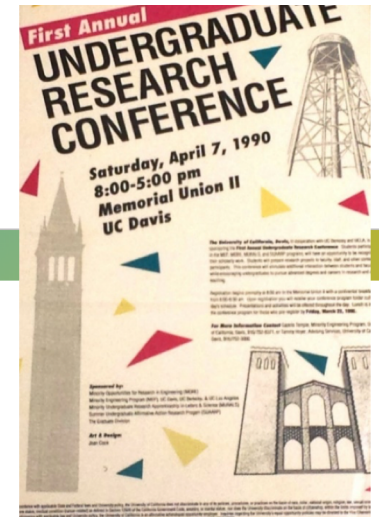
=> 2,500 people per session

=> ~\$1.10 per person cost



History of Funding

*“The conference has been held for the past 30 years.
How was it funded before?”*

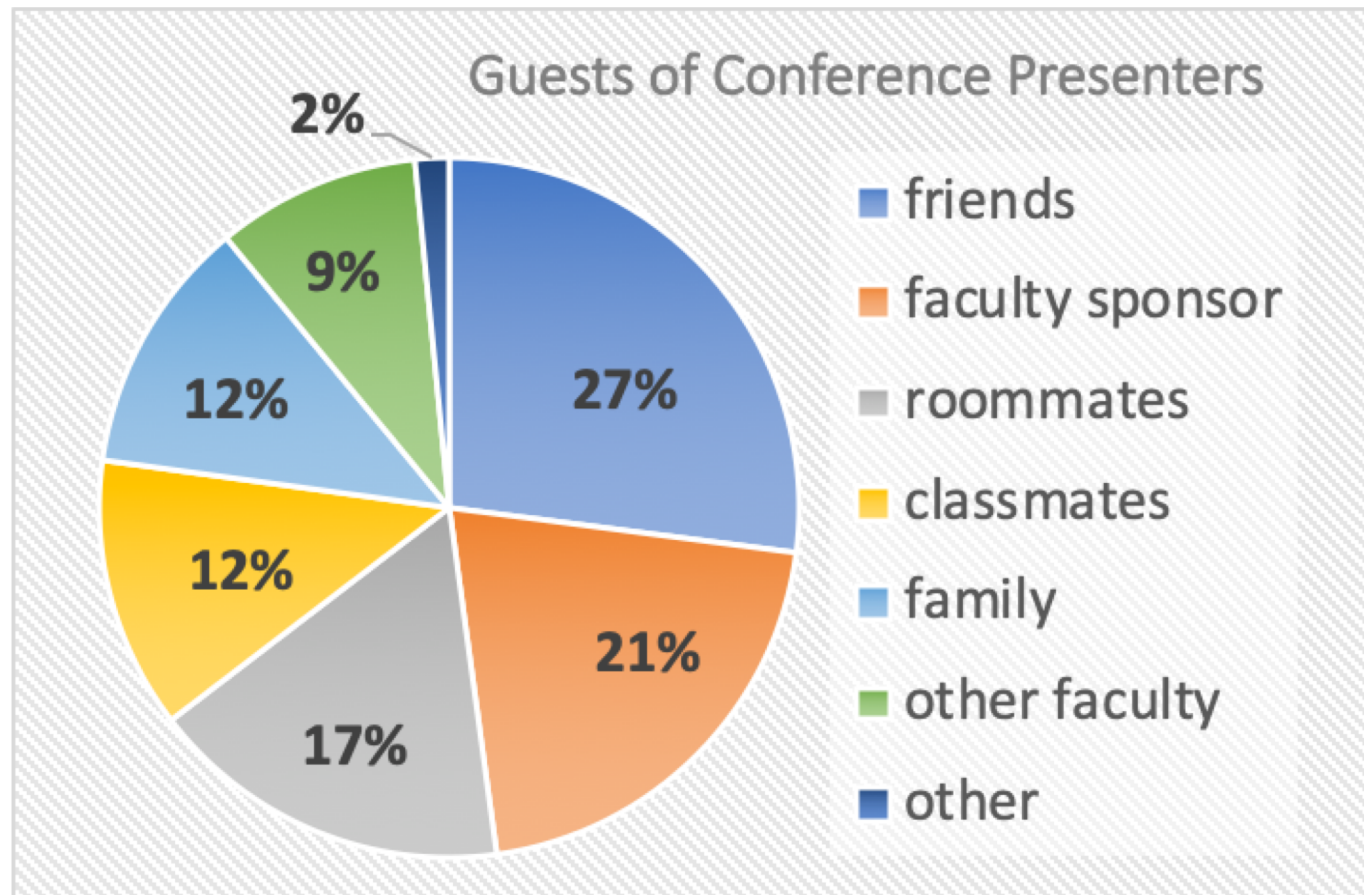


- Conference started in Student Affairs in 1990, with support for staff (Tammy Hoyer), poster design, database, etc
- The Undergraduate Research Center formed in 2008 and Tammy Hoyer moved from Student Affairs to URC; Student Affairs continued to co-sponsor and provide part of funding.
- As the size of the conference increases each year, the Library and Global Affairs join as co-sponsors and contribute part of the funding (with UE and SA)
- Partnership with Student Affairs continued until 2019 at which time we were requested to submit funding request to COSAF



Description of Conference Attendees

“The application states that there are 700 undergraduate presenters but 6000 attend. Who make up the 5300 other attendees and how are is attendance measured?”



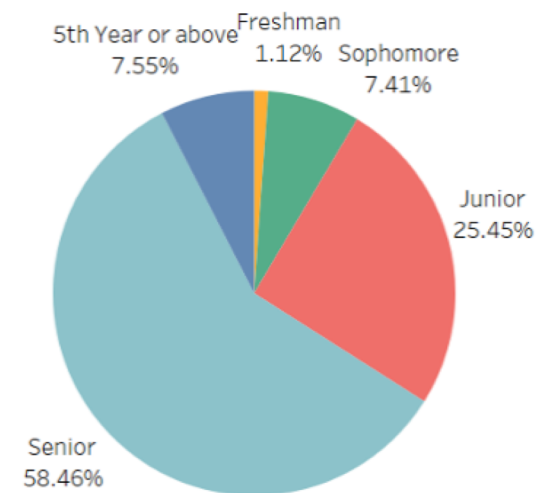
Data for type of attendees is based on Conference 2019 Post-Conference Survey.
Number of attendees is measured by volunteers using clickers at entrance to event.



Without Grant from Student Affairs

“If the conference does not get this grant, what will they do? What would they have to cut?”

- We will have to reduce the number of students who present each year. As the number of students who are interested to present increases each year, we will have to restrict these numbers.
- Currently, all students who register/submit an abstract with faculty approval are accepted to present, even if their research is in progress.
- For example, we would only invite students who have senior standing to present, or we would identify a more rigorous registration approval process.





Thank You

Questions?

