# Request for 2022 Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference
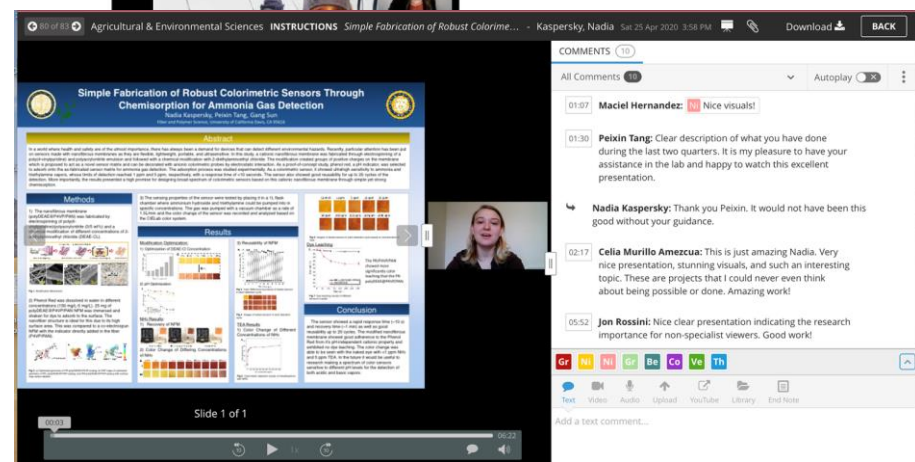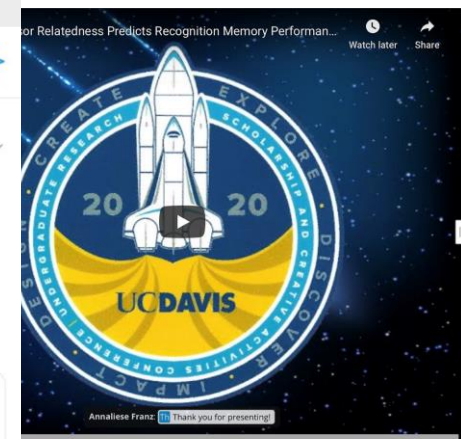
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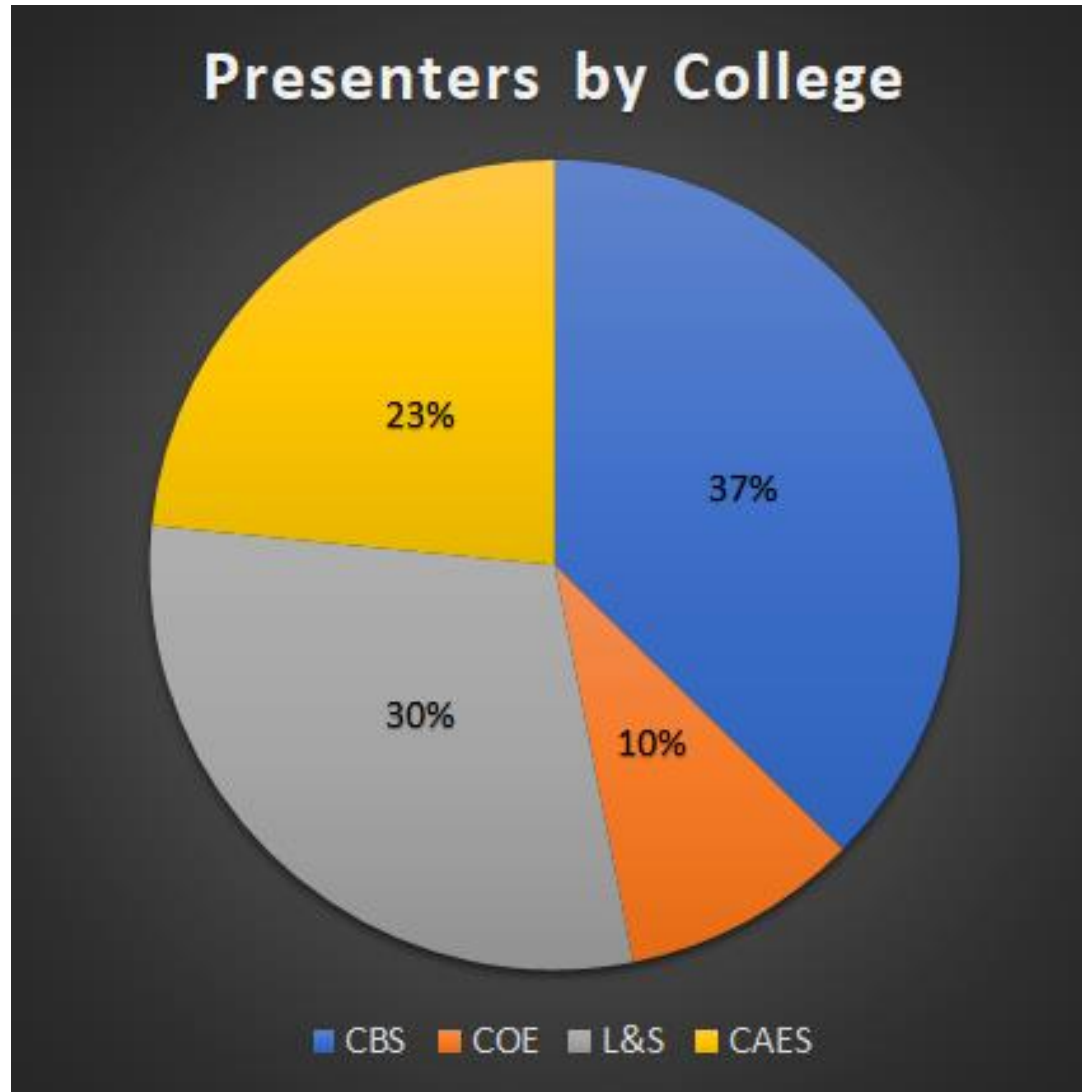They/them/theirs
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# Conference Highlights

- 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
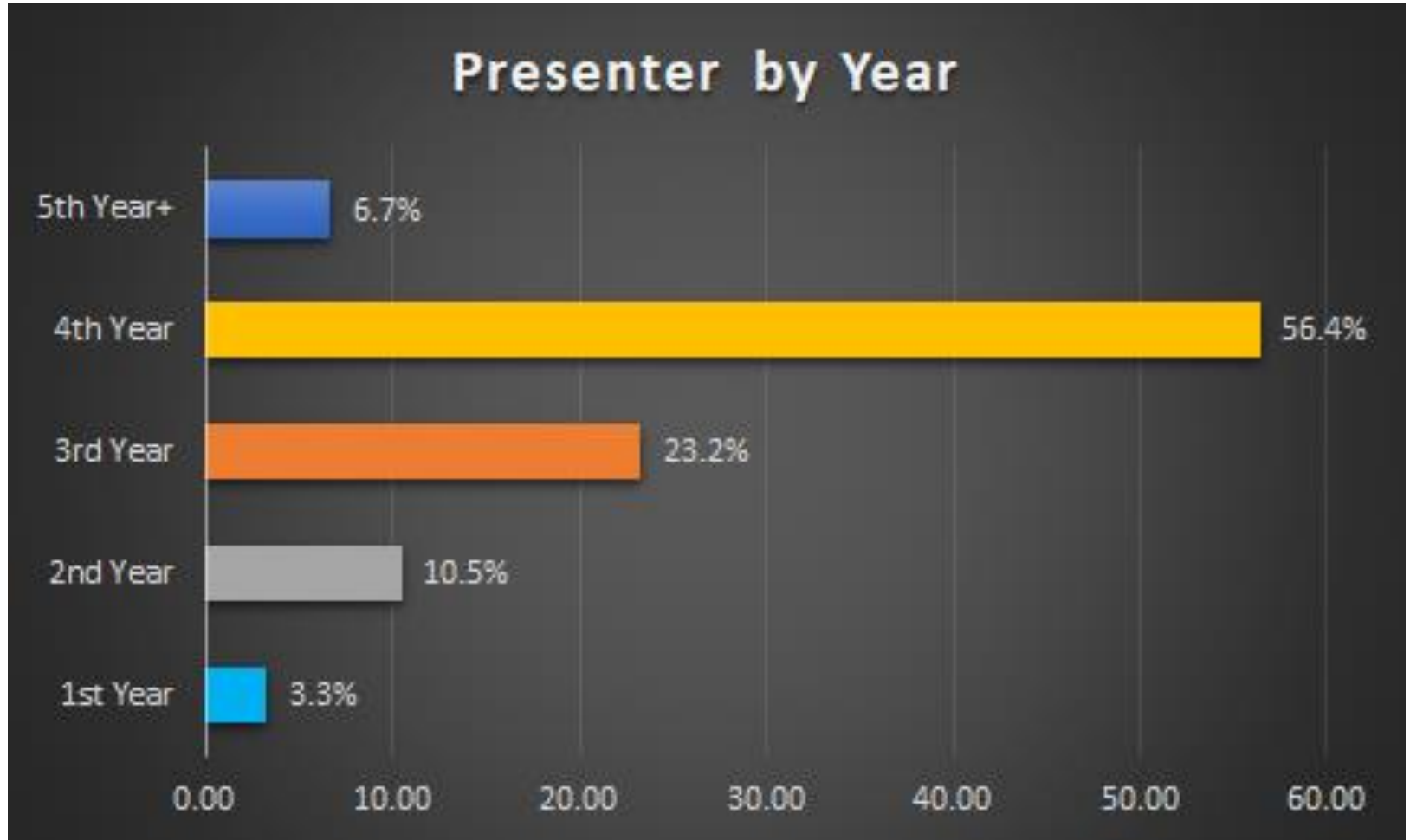
# Students Presenting at Conference



Presenters by College

37% CBS
10% COE
30% L&S
23% CAES

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**Presenter by Year**

| Year | Percentage |
|------|-----------|
| 5th Year+ | 6.7% |
| 4th Year | 56.4% |
| 3rd Year | 23.2% |
| 2nd Year | 10.5% |
| 1st Year | 3.3% |

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**Presenters by Ethnicity**

- White: 29.1%
- URM: 65.5%
- Declined: 2.1%
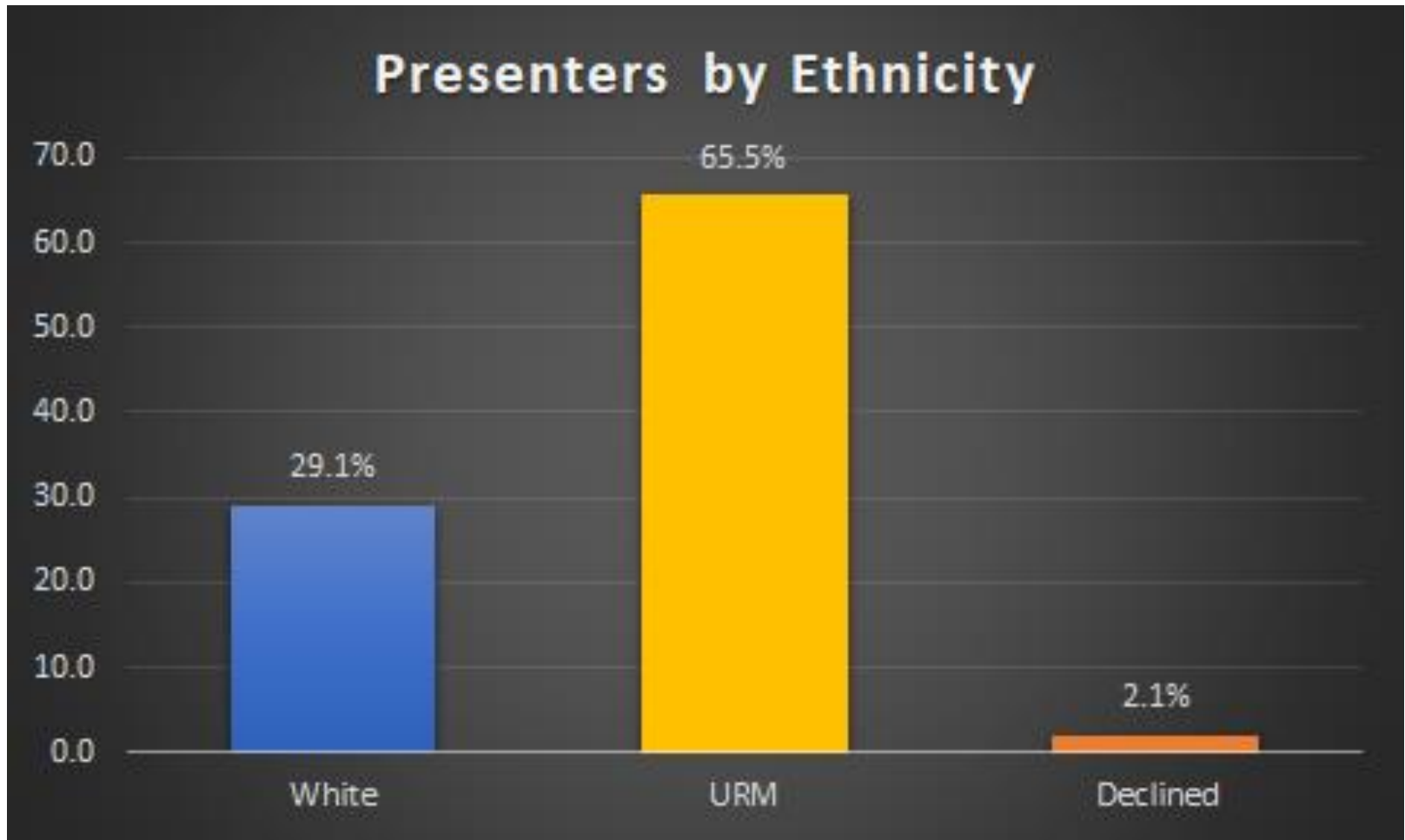
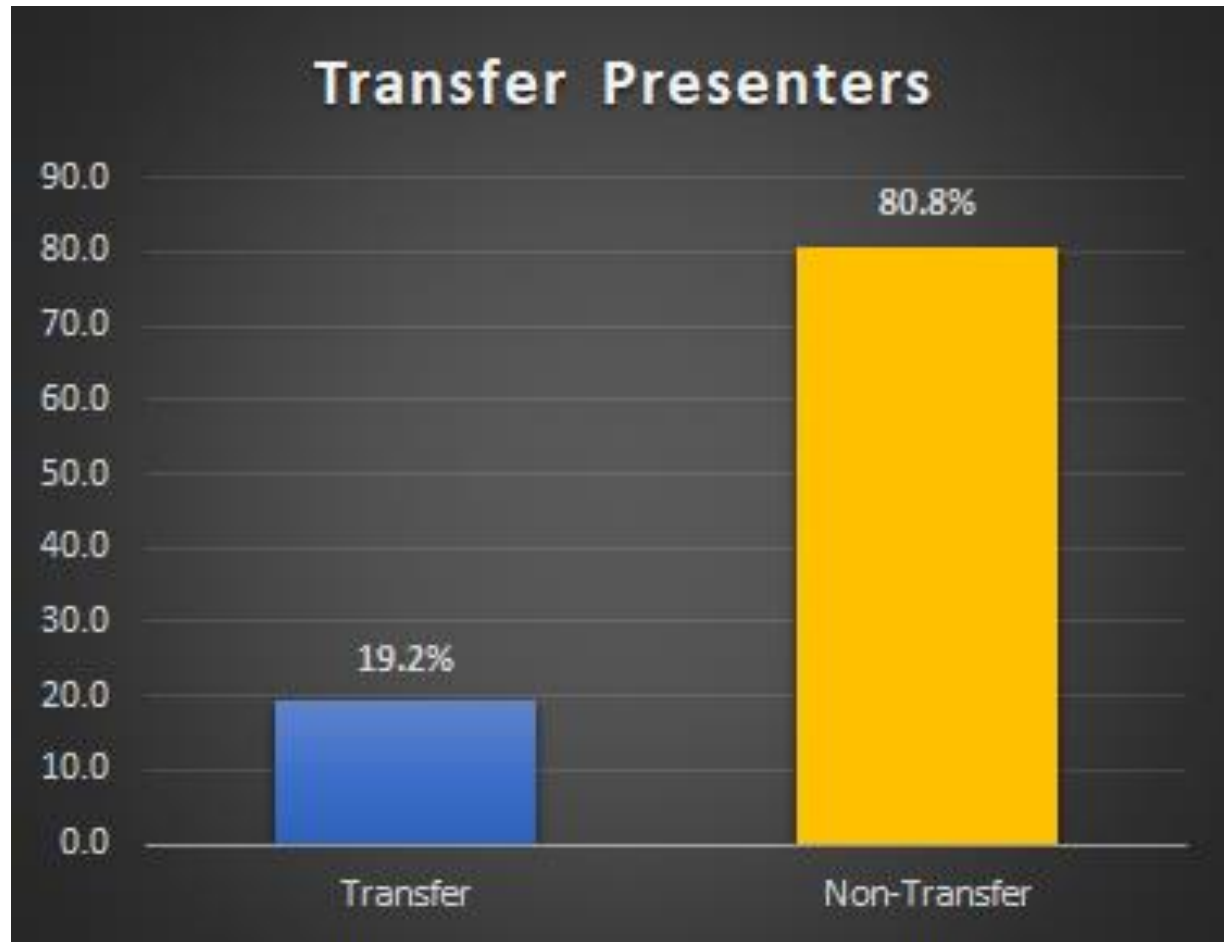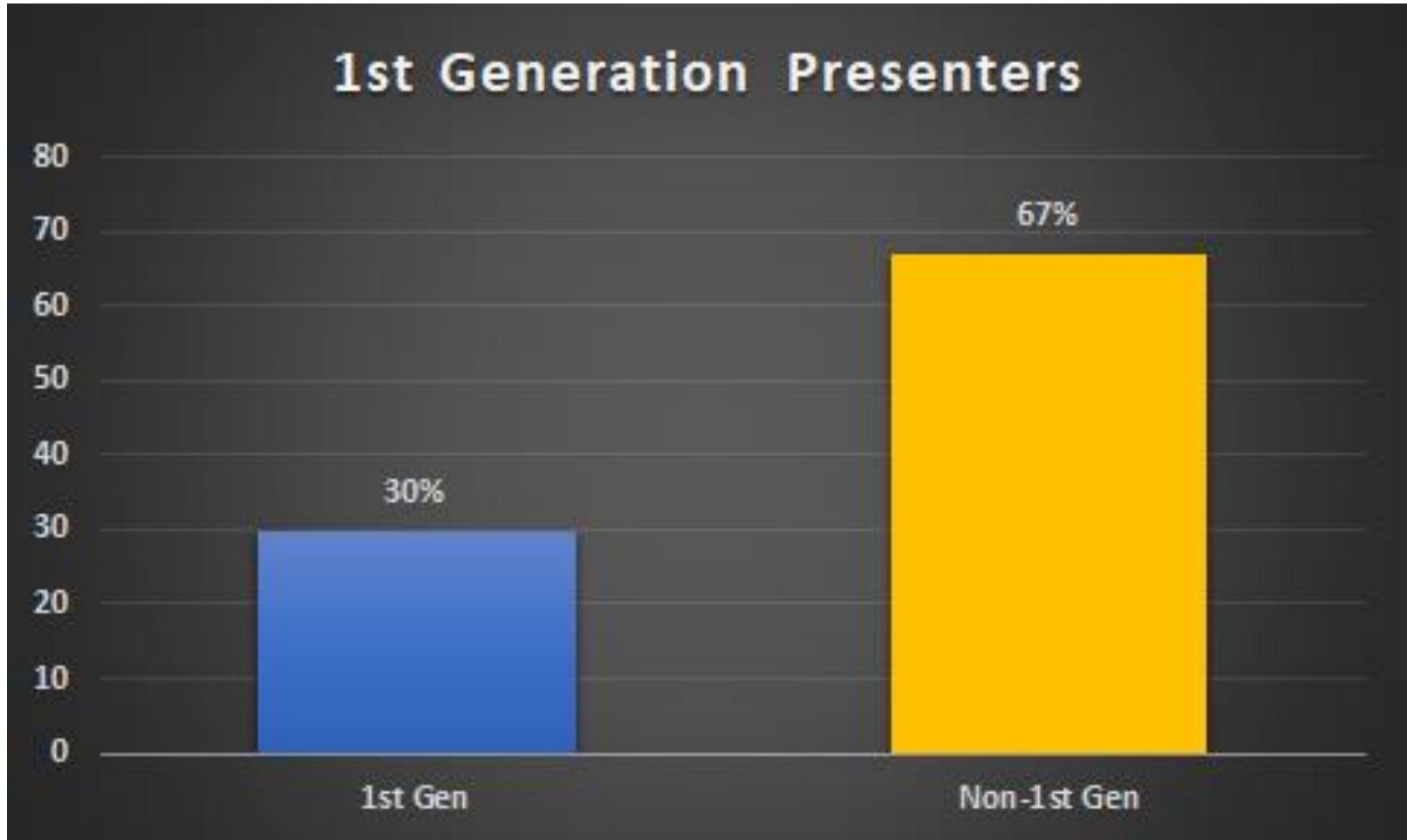**Data for 2020 Conference**

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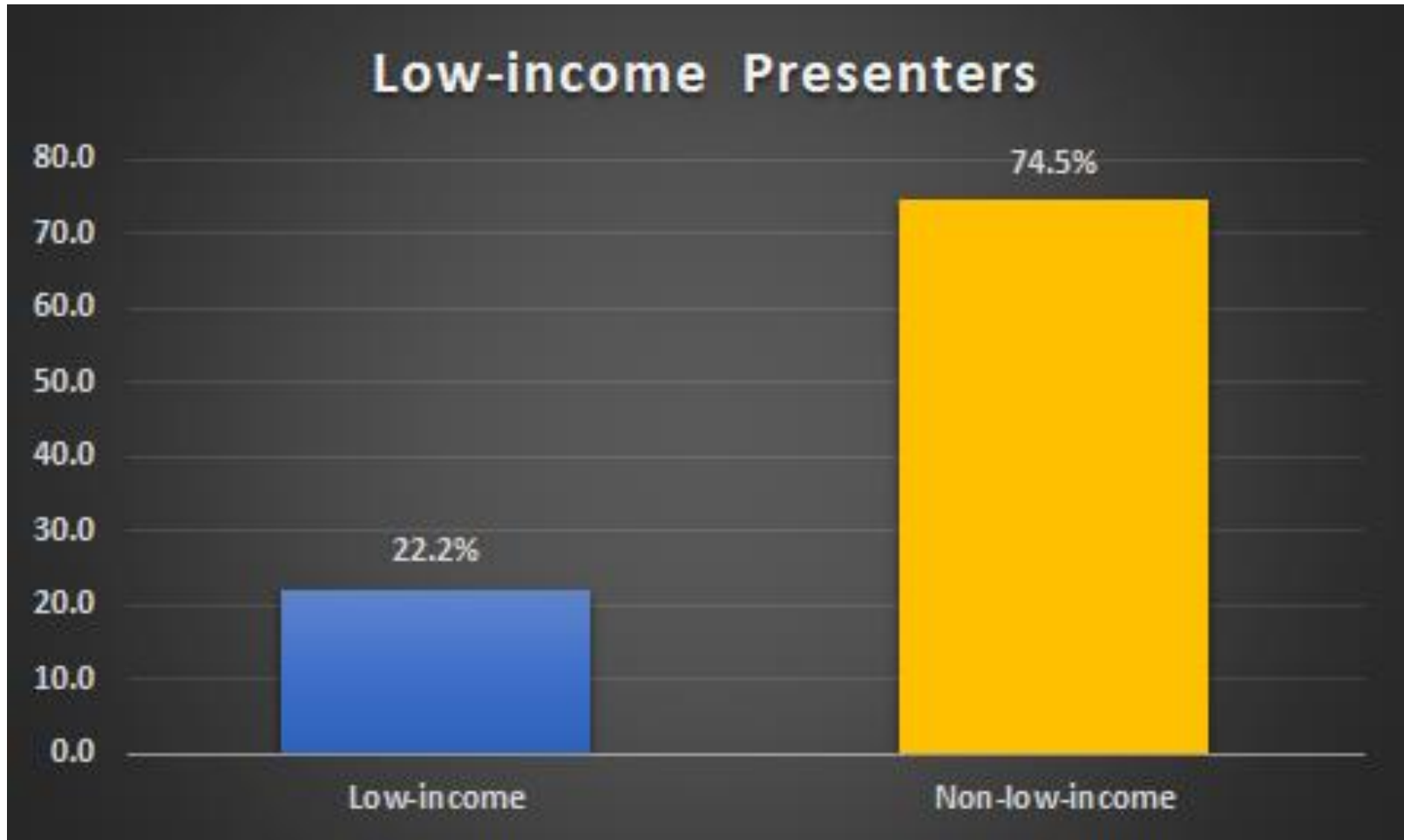


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**Low-income Presenters**

22.2% — Low-income
74.5% — Non-low-income

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# Clarification of Overall Budget

**Conference costs include**

- Catering needs for both days of the conference
- Space rentals for the ARC Pavilion, Wellman Hall, SCC MPR and other conference rooms
- ARC Pavilion and Wellman Hall building manager salary
- Rental poster boards,easels, tables and IT services for each day of the conference
- Marketing and promotion materials
- General supplies
- If virtual: virtual platform to host conference
- Each year the URC anticipates a 10% increase that accounts for the estimated rise in costs for reserve facilities, creating marketing materials and the like

# Poster Printing Fee & Rentals

*Provide clarity on the print or submission fee. Is that paid be each participant? Regarding the poster rental fee, is that to rent boards to put the posters on?*

- The Undergraduate Research Center has a plotter printer in house that is utilized to provide academic poster printing services to the campus community.

- The estimated cost per poster is $80 - $100 and the URC provides the option for conference presenters to have their poster printed by the URC for free.

- Not all students take advantage of this opportunity so there are some students who will pay out of pocket for their research poster, <10%.

- The URC prints about 85% of all conference posters.

- Poster rental fee is for the rental of poster boards where students display their posters
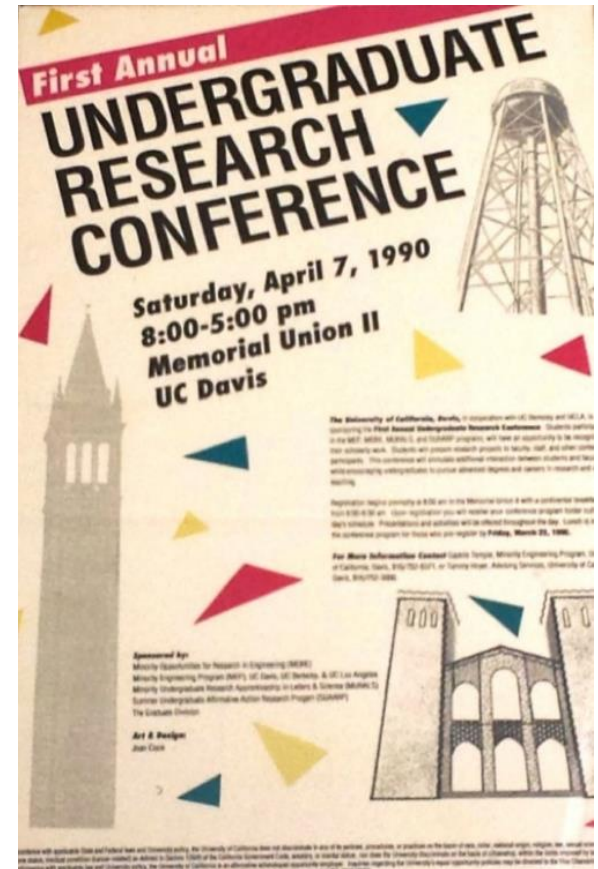
# Undergraduates w/o Faculty Mentorship

*Application indicates faculty sponsored research. What about those undergraduate students that are doing non-faculty sponsored research? Can they present as well?*

- This has most commonly happened with students who do REUs and the URC has a process for providing these students with the opportunity to present.

- This same process is how we provide the opportunity to present for on-campus students who are doing completely independent research.

- Our goal is to have our conference mirror the national undergraduate conferences so that we can prepare scholars as best as possible.

# History of Conference Funding

- 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.
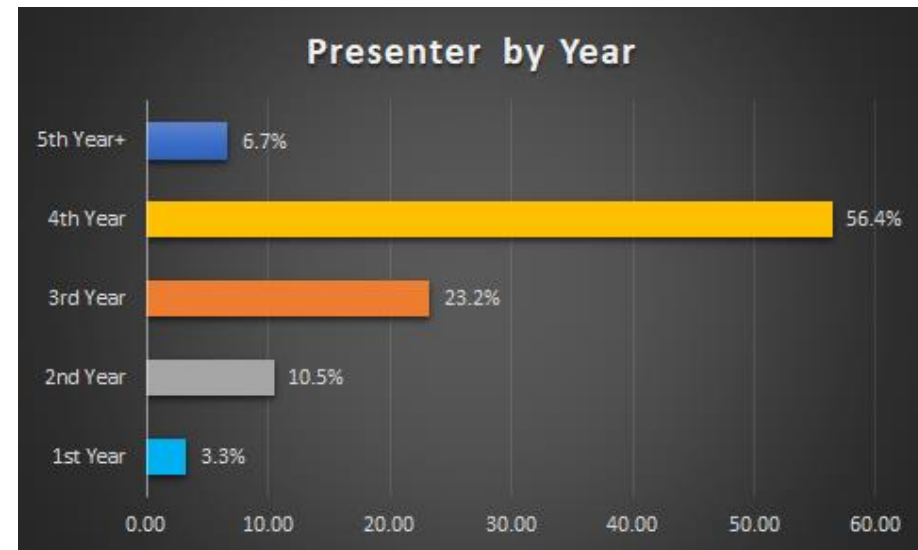
# Without Grant from Student Affairs

*If this event/program is not fully funded with these Student Development Funds, can the event/program take place with partial funding?*

- 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.



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## Questions?