

## Technical Writing Competition Engineering Week 2016



Be recognized for your technical writing skills by submitting a document to the Engineering Week Technical Writing Competition. Entries can include original work or work created as an assignment/project. Team or individual documents are accepted. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded! Looks great on your resume!

**Eligibility:** All entries must be submitted by 8 a.m. on Monday, February 15, 2016, to Melissa Scheaffer at [melissa.sch@usu.edu](mailto:melissa.sch@usu.edu) (include Technical Writing Competition in the subject line).

- Students must be undergraduates in the College of Engineering.
- Entries can include original work or assignments/projects written for classes in the Professional Program. Only one submission per student or group.
- Individual or group documents are eligible for submission, but only one prize will be awarded to the group (all student names must appear on the document).
- Documents must be written in appropriate format and may include:
  - Research papers
  - Lab reports
  - Design reports
  - Proposals
  - Analytical reports
  - Literature reviews focused on a particular technology or engineering problem
- Papers must be a minimum of 5 body pages in length (no maximum page limit). This page limit does not include front or back matter (i.e., title page, table of contents, list of figures and tables, references, appendices, etc.).
- Documents submitted must be the original work of the student(s), except for any external citations, which must be properly documented.

Note: Previously published works or works accepted for publication are not eligible.

### Awards:

All winners will be notified ahead of time and will be recognized at the College of Engineering Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, February 18, at 3:00 (location to be announced). Winners must be present to receive award.

### Submission Details

Email entries as pdf documents to [melissa.sch@usu.edu](mailto:melissa.sch@usu.edu) by 8 a.m. on Monday, February 15. Please include the following in the body of the email:

- Names, emails, and majors of all students who participated in the writing of the document.
- Type of document submitted (proposal, design report, lab report, etc.).



**Judging:**

A panel of technical writing faculty will evaluate all submissions. All documents must be of professional quality and will be judged using the following criteria:

- Represents writing appropriate for the discipline.
- Illustrates critical, logical, and original thinking.
- Demonstrates synthesis and integration of sources, including appropriate citation (if appropriate for document submitted).
- Communicates content effectively to primary audience.
- Uses format and style guidelines appropriate for document genre and discipline.
- Applies correct grammar/language mechanics.

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