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# 2011 Inquiro Submission Guidelines

Any student participating in scientific research at UAB is invited to submit a research paper for submission in the 2011 issue of Inquiro. Papers will be subject to student and faculty review.

The deadline for submissions in May 13, 2011; however, students participating in summer research at UAB or another institution are encouraged to submit by August 31, 2011.

Initial submissions should follow these guidelines:

- 1) 12 point font, double spaced, pages numbered with the author's name appearing in a header on every page (further formatting will be required upon acceptance).
- 2) Figures, tables, and graphs should be submitted in their original formats in the highest resolution possible as separate files. A .tiff file at 300 dpi is ideal.
- 3) All research papers should be submitted with the Inquiro Permission to Publish Form.

Staff also invites students to submit research narratives, interviews with faculty members, and science related editorials.

**Short Reports:** These reports are short papers derived from the text of science posters. Please convert the original poster to a Word document which includes all text, figures, tables, and images from the poster. As above, images should be submitted additionally as a separate file. The suggested length is 2,500 words.

**Research Narratives/Other:** If students would like to submit editorial or narrative pieces related to scientific research, they may certainly do so. The journal staff will review the article and consider it based on relevance and quality. The suggested length is 900 words.

Anyone who wishes to join the Inquiro staff should fill out the application on our website.

Pleases send submission or questions to sciencejournal.inquiro@gmail.com

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