**TOP STORY**

**Students & faculty: register by Feb 23 for April conference**

This year’s Minds@Work Conference: *Celebrating Student Research, Scholarship, and Creativity* is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the CUB.

The deadline for students and faculty to register to present at M@W is 4:00 p.m. on February 23.

Once again the conference will celebrate student achievements across all disciplines; science and humanities, business, creative arts, and human services. Last year, over 400 students participated in the event.

The conference is open to all students who want to share what they have discovered, created, and achieved under the guidance of a faculty mentor.


Once you have entered the website you have two registration options: student registration or faculty registration (for faculty registering department- or program-organized student oral presentations, department panels or roundtables.) We encourage faculty to collaborate with their departmental peers.

If you have questions, please contact Pam Bucher in the IPSSP office (psbuch@ship.edu or ext. 3227) or Dr. Marc Renault, chair of the Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity Advisory Council, at MSRenault@ship.edu; ext. 1234.

**TOOLS FOR RESEARCHERS**

**Surveying Pennsylvania?**

**Penn State Poll accepting data requests for March/April survey**

Surveys are common components of research projects. But they can be expensive to conduct.

Are you looking to conduct a survey of adult Pennsylvanians but do not have the time and budget to fund a customized project? The Penn State Poll is designed to allow organizations and researchers with statewide interests to contribute one or more customized questions to the survey while sharing the costs.

This omnibus telephone survey is cost effective (you only pay for the questions you submit) and high quality—it uses a dual frame approach consisting of representative land line samples with cell phone supplements.

The survey is fielded in March/April 2015, with results to sponsors no later than Friday, May 8, 2015. The deadline to indicate interest in participating is Friday, February 6, 2015.

For further information on the Penn State Poll or a FREE cost estimate, visit [http://csr.hbg.psu.edu/poll/](http://csr.hbg.psu.edu/poll/) or contact Stephanie Wehnau, Director of the Center for Survey Research, at 717-948-6429 or slh227@psu.edu.
Tools from InfoEd & the Grants Resource Center

**Funding databases available online**

The chart below highlights the various tools included with University-paid subscriptions. If you have any questions, please give IPSSP a call, 717-477-1251. We pay institutional dues for access to these services. In an effort to not subsidize free and unethical use by others, we ask that you do not share this access outside of the institution. Thank you!

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