

**Call for Papers/Projects/Posters/Artwork—Open to all WCU, Appalachian State University, and UNC-A Undergraduate and Graduate Students**

**Interdisciplinary Innovations Conference:  
Advanced Technology**

**Thursday, March 15, 2018**

**Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC**

*"The problems in the world are not within-discipline problems," says Sharon Derry, an educational psychologist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill... "We have to bring people with different kinds of skills and expertise together. No one has everything that's needed to deal with the issues that we're facing." (Ledford, 2015, para. 7)*

Western Carolina University's *Nomad* and *Society of Professional Communicators* invites proposals from undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines for the **Second Annual Conference on Interdisciplinary Innovations**. The theme of this year's conference is advanced technology. We welcome papers, posters, projects, and artwork from any discipline.

This conference provides a forum for students to share their writing, research, and projects that address some aspect of advanced technology in their field in order to increase interdisciplinary awareness, collaborations, and actions. Selected works from the conference will be published in *Nomad*.

Advanced technologies can be discussed in terms of (but not limited to these areas):

- Problem/solution
- Quality of life
- Dystopia/Utopia
- New products and processes
- Areas of research
- Literary trends
- Control of information
- Planned obsolescence
- Environmentalism
- Digital/Technological divide

Submit 300-word proposals that include:

- Descriptive title
- Author(s) names, affiliation, and email
- Summary of the proposed paper or description of project, poster, or artwork
- Brief explanation of how the topic of the paper, poster, project, or artwork connects to the theme of the conference.
- Explain technological needs for your presentation besides the use of a computer and projector

**Deadlines**

- Proposals due: **Friday, February 2, 2018 by 11:59 pm.**
- Notifications will be sent out by February 9, 2018. ***Early submissions will be considered and notified earlier than February 9, 2018.***
- Email proposals to [sopcwcu@gmail.com](mailto:sopcwcu@gmail.com)
- [Use this resource](#) to learn how to write a conference proposal.

Reference

Ledford, H. (16 September 2015). How to solve the world's biggest problems. *Nature*, 525(7569). Retrieved from <http://www.nature.com/news/how-to-solve-the-world-s-biggest-problems-1.18367>

