



Saving the Spokane River: Undergraduate Multidisciplinary Research Challenge (UMRC)

*Sponsored by the College of
Arts and Sciences Student
Ambassadors at Washington
State University*



Who We Are

The College of Arts and Sciences Student Ambassadors is a student organization that:

- Identifies and supports the needs of CAS students
- plans programming to enhance:
 - academic enrichment
 - personal growth
 - professional development of students

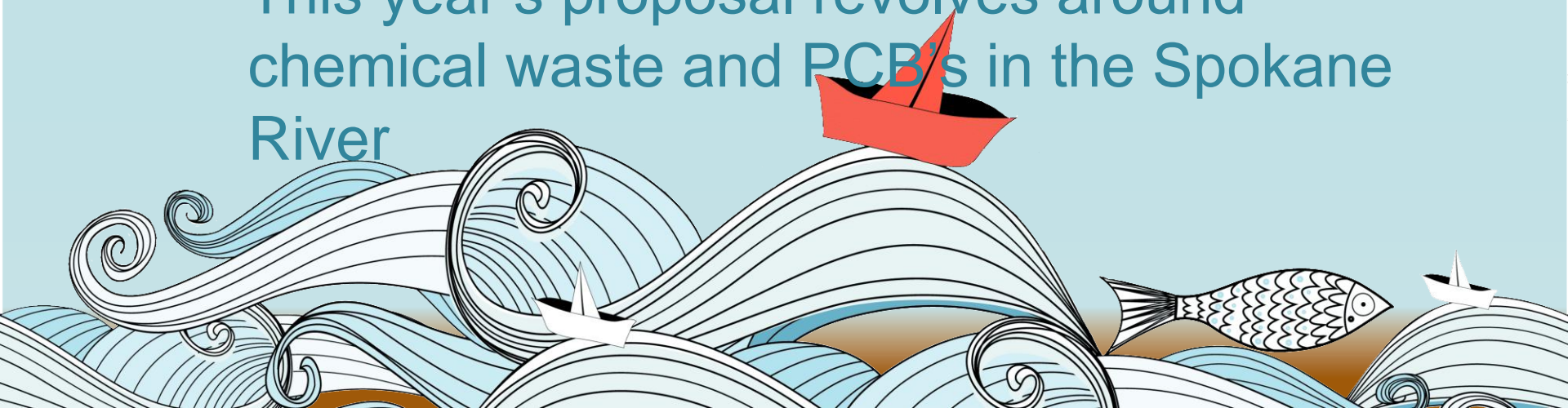
The Ambassadors are connectors who partner with all student organizations to promote collaboration across the college.



What is the UMRC?

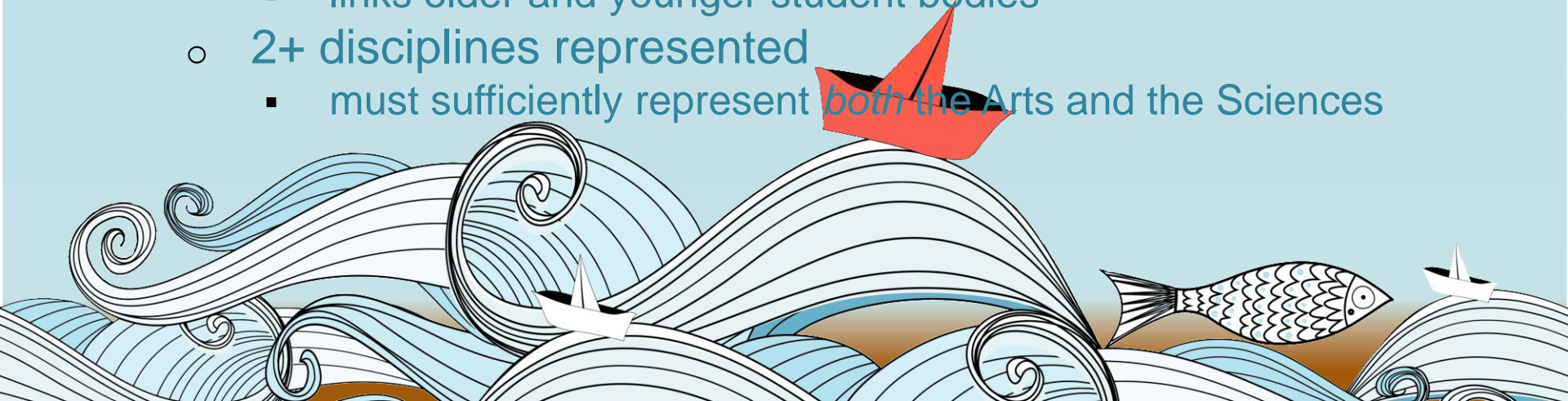
The UMRC is an interdisciplinary challenge that focuses on local and regional problems that have a global impact.

- Student teams create a proposal to solve a problem that is presented by the College of Arts and Sciences.
- This year's proposal revolves around chemical waste and PCB's in the Spokane River



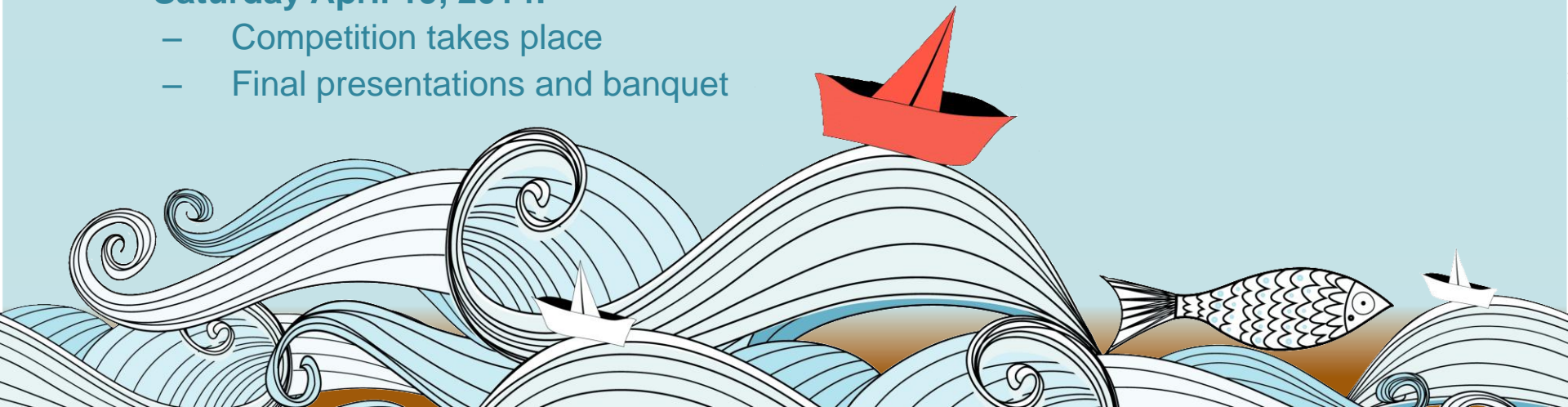
How will UMRC be set up?

- Students can register under their major and department in CAS
- Each of the major departments can nominate two students
 - one 1st / 2nd year students (including uncertified students advised by a CAS department and working towards certification in the major;
 - one 3rd or above (certified) student
- Multidisciplinary teams of 4+ are created, as follows:
 - At least one freshman and one upperclassman
 - links older and younger student bodies
 - 2+ disciplines represented
 - must sufficiently represent *both* the Arts and the Sciences



Rough timeline of the event

- **Fall 2013:**
 - Implement media campaign
 - Departmental nominations and student registration
 - Finalize funding, question and consultants
- **Friday November 15, 2013:**
 - Meet & Greet event; teams formed
 - Guidelines, info packets given
 - Question released
 - Student contracts signed
- **Monday February 3, 2014:**
 - Checkpoint: a list of sources and rough draft of proposal from each team to be turned into the CAS office. Challenge review team will provide feedback on draft proposals two weeks after submission
- **Saturday April 19, 2014:**
 - Competition takes place
 - Final presentations and banquet



Final Competition *Apr. 19 2014*

Morning:

- Student groups will present to a panel of judges:
 - 20 minute presentation, with a 5-10 minute period of Q/A.
- Panel will determine the top two teams (1st and 2nd place) who will be invited to present at the banquet; 1st place winner will be announced during the evening banquet

Evening:

- Welcoming statements by Dr. Daryll Dewald, dean of CAS, and others
- Top two teams will present at banquet in the CUB junior ballroom with Q/A from the audience
- Winner will be announced by the panel at the end



Funding Quote

Name	Timepoint needed	Additional info	Estimated cost
Papers, folders incidentals	Fall 2013	Student commitment forms, Meet & Greet packets,	\$200
Space rental	Fall 2013 rented for Apr 19, 2014	RSO benefit	Free
Marketing	Fall 2013	Posters, printing	\$200
Presentations lunch	Apr 19, 2014	40 ppl. Subway Sandwich platter 3 x \$34.35 platters	\$110
Banquet dinner	Apr 19, 2014	75-110 ppl 10-14 tables	\$1500
Awards	Apr 19, 2014	Scholarships	\$10000
Funding provided by College of Arts and Sciences			-\$5000
Total			\$7010

Funding Strategy

- Internal: Washington State University related
 - ASWSU
 - WSU Alumni Association
- External:
 - Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories
 - Washington State Employees Credit Union
 - Pullman Chamber of Commerce
 - Preliminary donor request letters to these and other organizations and businesses have been prepared and will be sent by the end of September

