Frequently Asked Questions about the CS3901 and the College of Computing Research Journal

From Students:

Q: If I take CS3901 in the Fall, can I still meet the presentation requirement by presenting in the Spring UROC Symposium?
A: Yes, you can, but you will receive an “I” (Incomplete) in the Fall until the symposium occurs, and then you get your grade.

Q: But I’m applying to graduate school! I don’t want that “I” on my transcript!
A: Then you should write a paper to submit to the Research Journal in the Fall. You are always welcome to do both the paper and the UROC Symposium. In fact, if you’re applying to graduate schools, it’s a very good idea to do both. Getting the paper accepted will be a great reference to have on your C.V. as you apply.

Q: How long should the paper be?
A: The format is described at http://www.cc.gatech.edu/ugresearch but in general, you should aim for 5-10 pages. Enough to describe the research problem and what you got done in one semester.

From Faculty:

Q: Should I be listed as a co-author on my students’ research papers?
A: Probably not. The writing should be primarily the students’. The non-blind paper format requires the advisors’ name to appear prominently after the byline, so your name will be associated with your students’ work.

Q: Do I give the student her final grade?
A: No, actually Student Services will assign the grade once the paper is received or the symposium presentation is made. You will give the final grade to Student Services.

Q: Who’s reviewing these papers, anyway?
A: The College Undergraduate Committee is the editorial board—they’re the ones who should have a sense of what our undergrads are doing. There will be two faculty readers for each “blind” submission. We anticipate 20-40 submissions a year, with perhaps five acceptances per term.