The University of Houston-Materials Research Society Chapter (UH-MRS) hosted its first student symposium in the main lobby of engineering building 1. At the symposium students presented their work to an esteemed crowd of professional members across various engineering and science disciplines at UH. The 40 presenters came from different departments including chemistry, physics; and chemical, mechanical, materials and electrical engineering.

UH-MRS winners are:

First Place: Yunwen Zhou, Chemical Engineering Department, Advisor: Jeffrey Rimer  
Second Place: Peyman Irajizad, Mechanical Engineering Department, Advisor: Hadi Ghasemi  
Third Place: Pratap Rudra, Mechanical Engineering Department, Advisor: Venkat Selvamanickam

The event was organized by the members and volunteers of the UH-MRS chapter under the supervision of the chapter faculty advisors Venkat Selvamanickam and Pavel Dutta of mechanical engineering.

"It was nice to see such a high level of participation and enthusiasm among materials researchers and it was a great experience to bring MRS activities to the UH campus," said Meysam Heydari Gharahcheshmeh, president of the UH-MRS chapter.

UH-MRS was established in April 2016. The primary goal of the chapter is to broaden participation of students in materials research and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields. The chapter also provides a platform for materials disciplines to convene, collaborate, integrate, communicate and advocate materials research activities. To become a member of the chapter please contact the president of UH-MRS chapter at mheydari [dot] gh [at] gmail [dot] com.