

URC-PA Poster Judging Criteria

Abstract Title: «Abstract_Title»
Poster #: «Poster_»
Category: STEM

Purpose

The poster conference is designed to:

- 1) Determine a researcher's ability to convey a project's significance to research and policy-makers;
- 2) Demonstrate the potential significance to the general population.

Two Categories: Students must enter their posters into one of the following categories.

- Arts, Humanities, Business, and Social and Behavioral Sciences
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Criteria

Content 20% Poster includes:

- _____ Title of the exhibit: (1 point)
- _____ Methods (3 points)
- _____ Objectives (5 points)
- _____ Significance to the field (4 point)
- _____ Significance to society in general (5 point)
- _____ Use of references to document sources used for the project. (1 point)
- _____ Funding sources (if applicable) please identify an underwriter (1 point)
- _____ Are there indications of original, critical thought? (6 points)

Content subtotal - _____ /20

Abstract 20 %

- _____ Abstract must be submitted before the entry deadline. (4 points)
- _____ Abstracts must be limited to 200 words. (4 points)
- _____ Abstracts must effectively summarize the significant findings of their research and explain methods, results, and conclusions. (12 points)

Abstract subtotal - _____ /20

Visual Appearance 40%

- _____ The project should be represented visually on a foam core backed poster no larger than 46" x 46". (2 points)
- _____ Spelling and grammar must be correct. (3 points)
- _____ The exhibit should include text and graphics intended for a general audience. (15 points)
- _____ Poster should attract attention and convey important information about the project. (10 points)
- _____ Photographs, drawings, charts, tables, or graphs should be simple, well organized, and carefully chosen when used to explain complicated technical concepts. (10 points)

Visual subtotal - _____ /40

Question and Answer Session 20% (4 point value for each question)

Student researchers should be able to answer the following questions regarding their poster:

- _____ What was the motivation for the student's pursuit of this project?
- _____ What were the research objectives?
- _____ What significance does the research have to your specific field of study?
- _____ Provide a thorough explanation of their research methods, results, and conclusions.
- _____ What are the greater implications on society or public policy?

Question and Answer Session subtotal - _____ /20

Total points _____ /100

