

# 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**

