

URC-PA Poster Judging Criteria

Purpose

The poster conference is designed to:

- 1) Convey a research 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 25% Poster must include:

- Student name(s)
- Collaborators, adviser(s), and department(s)
- The title of the exhibit
- Abstract
- Funding sources (if applicable)
- Objectives
- Significance to the field
- Significance to society in general
- Methods
- Results, interpretation of results and conclusions, and directions for future research if the project is completed (creative exhibits must include discussion of meaning and/or reflections on the body of work exhibited)
- Use of references to document sources used for the project.

Abstract 20%

- Abstract must be submitted before the entry deadline.
- Abstracts must effectively summarize the significant findings of the research.
- Abstracts must be limited to 200 words.

Visual Appearance 25%

- The project should be represented visually on a foam core backed poster no larger than 46" x 46".
- The exhibit should include text and graphics intended for a general audience.
- Poster should attract attention and convey important information about the project.
- Language should be simple and descriptions brief. Excessive jargon should be avoided; necessary technical terms should be defined.
- Spelling and grammar must be correct.
- Photographs, drawings, charts, tables, or graphs should be simple, well organized, and carefully chosen when used to explain complicated technical concepts.

Question and Answer Session 20%

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?

Diligence 10%

- Does the project show creativity?
- Are there indications of original, critical thought?
- Does the research project exhibit a thorough investigation of the topic?
- Does the project address any unanswered questions?

Judging

Posters submitted for competition will be judged on each category by a team of independent judges.