

Poster Presentation Guidelines

Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in STEM

A. Poster Dimensions & Setup Procedures

⚠ Maximum poster size: 4 ft wide × 3 ft tall.

Oversized posters will be rejected as they may obscure adjacent displays.

Computer displays, projection equipment, and freestanding displays are not permitted.

1. Presenters will be assigned a specific time slot and poster board number for poster set-up. The poster set-up time slot will be scheduled before your presentation session.
2. Presenters will also be assigned a presentation session time, during which you will be judged. Arriving more than five (5) minutes late will result in the forfeiture of your presentation opportunity.
3. Conference staff will provide poster stands and pushpins for mounting. Staff are available to help locate your assigned space.
4. Posters must be set up within the allotted time before the session begins and must remain on display until the session concludes. Presenters are expected to stand by their poster for the entire session to answer questions and be evaluated by judges.
5. At the close of the session, remove your poster and materials and leave the area tidy.

B. Judging Criteria

Given the volume of posters, judges may have 10 minutes or fewer per presentation. Posters will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Quality and relevance of the abstract.**
- **Content and layout of the poster:**
 - Include the title, author names, and institution(s) at the top of the poster.
 - Organize content in a logical sequence:
 - Research objectives and significance
 - Hypothesis or problem statement
 - Methods and controls
 - Results
 - Conclusions and Future Directions
 - References and Acknowledgements.
- **Presentation: Demonstrate a clear understanding of the study and related subject matter and respond to questions effectively and confidently.**

C. Poster Design Tips

A well-designed poster communicates your research at a glance. Keep the following in mind:

- All text must be legible from approximately 4 feet away.
- Use a clear, readable font at a minimum size of 14 points (Suggested fonts: Arial, Helvetica, Calibri, Times New Roman)
- Incorporate both text and graphics; use color deliberately to add emphasis and improve clarity.
- Keep illustrations simple and bold. Photographs should clearly highlight pertinent details.
- Your poster (including graphics) should be self-explanatory and serve as a visual aid during your verbal presentation and discussion.
- Speak clearly and at sufficient volume so that nearby observers can hear you comfortably.

Questions? Please email ernconference@aaas.org.