



POSTER SESSION GUIDELINES

CAMP STATEWIDE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
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Before you begin to develop your poster discuss with your mentor and/or program coordinator. Attend a poster session on your campus to see what others are producing.

A compelling scientific poster is organized and attractively displayed, with text and data presented in visually accessible formats. Use a font size that is readable from a comfortable distance—at least 16 point for text. Easels available at the Beckman Center will accommodate posters measuring up to 3.5' x 6'.

MAIN ELEMENTS:

- 1. TITLE:** Clearly indicated at the top of poster; fairly short and descriptive; easily readable at a distance of 4-5 feet.
 - 2. NAME & CAMPUS:** Presenter's name, faculty sponsor/mentor, and UC campus, placed directly beneath title.
 - 3. CORE SCIENTIFIC CONTENT**
 - a. Abstract:** a succinct 250-word synopsis of work completed. Include purpose, goals, assumptions/implications, major findings & results, and conclusions. Review with mentor.
 - b. Introduction:** State the research question. Indicate the significance of the study. Include all significant aspects of the research including related current investigations.
 - c. Methods:** Describe procedures and methods in sufficient detail to allow a reader to understand how, when, where data was obtained. Describe challenges and lessons learned.
 - d. Results:** Summarize the data. Draw implications and considerations from it. Report results of statistical tests and analyses, whether positive or negative. A table or other figure may substitute for a written summary if sufficient explanation is provided in a legend or headings.
 - e. Discussion:** Interpret the meaning of your results. If appropriate, mention any alternative explanation for your results and possible explanations for unanticipated results.
 - f. Literature cited:** Include sources/resources that supported the work.
 - g. Acknowledgements:** Acknowledge the program, faculty and staff who supported you.
 - 4. VISUALS:** Use photos, tables, graphs to illustrate the research, methods and findings.
- EVALUATION:** Poster evaluation will be based on (1) scientific content, (2) student's ability to discuss the work, (3) appearance and appeal, and (4) overall effectiveness.

BEFORE YOUR PRESENTATION: Know your assigned time, locate your assigned area or easel. Dress professionally.