

# POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

## Rules and Judging Criteria

### Poster Contest

#### Rules -

- Poster image should be a single image/page in PowerPoint, PDF or JPG format
- Posters must be the original design and creation of the entrant

#### Judging Criteria -

Competitors will be judged by a panel of judges using the criteria listed below. The judging panel will be made up of faculty and postdocs from a variety of disciplines across the university. Each judge scores competitors on a scale of 1 to 5 in each of the following categories:

#### Overall appearance

- Does the display attract the attention of viewers?
- Is the display free of unnecessary detail?
- Is there appropriate use of white space to avoid crowding?
- Is the script visible from three feet?

#### Content

- Is the title clearly stated to include the variables that were investigated?
- Is the content presented in a logical manner – clear and easy to understand?
- Is the purpose/hypothesis stated?
- Is the methods section succinctly described?
- Do the data/graphics clearly convey the intended data?
- Are the results presented in such a way so they make sense to the reader?
- Is a conclusion and/or future direction stated?
- Are published references cited?
- Are there acknowledgments – funding, mentor, co-workers?

#### Oral presentation

- Clarity of presentation – Ability to explain rationale/background and hypothesis. Ability to explain methods and results. Ability to discuss work, limitations, difficulties, future direction?
- Ability to answer questions?
- Kept answers concise?
- Engaging with judges – showed interest and enthusiasm

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