2020 AAAS General E-Poster Session Guidelines

The AAAS General E-Poster Session provides an excellent opportunity and venue for individuals to present their research and have extended informal discussions with other meeting attendees. Multidisciplinary research projects are encouraged. Accepted e-poster abstracts will be available on the 2020 AAAS Annual Meeting online program and the meeting app. E-poster pdfs will be available on the online program during the meeting. We encourage presenters to record and post their oral presentations on social media.

Submission Deadline
There is a non refundable $25 application processing fee to submit an abstract. Your e-poster abstract must be submitted with application payment by October 17, 2019, 11:59 pm PST, but you do not need to have your e-poster completed to submit an abstract. However, abstracts with “incomplete” or “pending” status will not be accepted. Notifications of acceptance or decline will be sent on October 25, 2019.

Eligibility Criteria
The General E-Poster Session is open to postdocs and professionals. E-poster submissions must represent sound science or program evaluation, which will be reviewed by AAAS staff for acceptance. In order to participate in the poster session, confirmed presenters must pay the meeting registration fee no later than Friday, November 8, 2019.

Each applicant can only submit one abstract. Co-authors can appear on the e-poster, but cannot be listed in the abstract submission nor can they participate in the presentation.

Location
Washington State Convention Center Expo Hall
E-Poster Pods
Seattle, WA

Dates and Times
Friday, February 14 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)
Saturday, February 15 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)
Sunday, February 16 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)

Presenters will self-assign the date and time of their presentations, and attendees will find the e-poster schedule in the online program and the meeting app. Timeslots will be 5-10 minutes.

Categories
Please review all categories to carefully select the one that is most relevant to your research.

- **Brain and Behavior**
  Includes the fields of neuroscience and psychology

- **Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**
• Includes the fields of biochemistry, chemical biology, genomics, proteomics, structural biology

• **Cell Biology**  
Includes the fields of physiology and all areas related to cells

• **Developmental Biology, Genetics, and Immunology**  
Includes the fields of Evolution and developmental biology, Genetics, host responses, infectious diseases, all areas of immunology

• **Environment and Ecology**  
Includes the fields of agriculture, food science, and renewable resources; geology and geography, as well as atmospheric and hydrospheric sciences

• **Medicine and Public Health**  
Includes dentistry and oral health sciences, medical and pharmaceutical sciences

• **Physical Sciences**  
Includes the fields of astronomy, chemistry, geology, mineralogy, meteorology, and physics

• **Science in Society**  
Includes the history and philosophy of science, general interest in sciences and engineering, science communication, and public engagement

• **Social Sciences**  
Includes the fields of anthropology, economics, education, language and culture, political science, and sociology

• **Technology, Engineering, and Math**  
Includes fields of computer science, information technology, industrial science, and statistics

**General Guidelines for Abstract Submission**

Presenters can log in and edit their abstract up until the submission deadline. Please carefully follow the instructions, as approved abstracts will be used on the online program and the meeting app.

- **Abstract Sections:**
  - **Background:** A brief statement of study’s objectives
  - **Methods:** A concise statement of methods
  - **Results:** A clear presentation of results, which should be “data rich”
  - **Conclusions:** A closing statement of study’s conclusions; do not state “results will be discussed.”
▪ Abstract title must use all capital letters and is limited to 85 characters (including spaces).

▪ Abstracts are limited to 2600 characters (including spaces). Please type or paste the abstract in as a single text block (indents and line breaks will be removed).

▪ Poster title, co-authors, citations, footnotes, graphics, and funding acknowledgements are not allowed within the abstract text and will be removed.

▪ Work must be proofread carefully before submission. Abstracts that show lack of care or quality control as evidenced by grammatical, punctuation, spelling, and typographical errors are reviewed less favorably.

▪ AAAS staff will not edit abstracts for clarity. However, we will reformat if necessary to conform to standards required for the online program and the meeting app.

▪ Research proposals are not acceptable.

Meeting Registration
All poster presenters are required to register for the Annual Meeting in a paid registration category by Friday, November 8, 2019.

E-Poster Submission
Accepted poster presenters will receive instructions on how to prepare and submit the PDF of their e-poster early December 2019. The deadline to submit final pdfs is February 13, 2020.

E-Poster Design and Oral Presentation Tips Webinars
Accepted presenters will be notified of complimentary live webinars that will cover how to best design an e-poster and make a great presentation. Webinars will be recorded if you cannot attend the live sessions.

Presentation
Presenters will self-select the date, time and e-poster presentation pod in the Expo Hall. The length of the timeslots will be determined by the number of approved e-posters. The presenter can either prepare a brief oral presentation and/or host a question and answer session while standing with their e-poster.

The e-poster will be projected on an LCD television behind the presenter. A pod proctor will be available to give a signal for when to start and conclude. Presenters are not allowed to distribute handouts during the presentation.

Presentations should include:
  • A clear statement of the problem and its importance.
  • A summary of key elements of your research and key findings.