

Student Poster Competition

2011 TRI-STATE CONSORTIUM MEETING

NSF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH

STEPS!

1.) Register for the Tri-State Meeting and provide poster information at www.nmepscor.org

2.) Submit a poster abstract by Monday, March 14, 2011

3.) Review poster evaluation criteria (attached)

4.) Prepare a 36" x 48" poster

5.) Check the final agenda for set-up and session times.

TOP 5
STUDENTS
RECEIVE A
CASH PRIZE!

General Information

New Mexico EPSCoR is sponsoring a research-focused student poster competition during the 3rd Annual Tri-State Western Consortium Meeting to be held in New Mexico at the Hyatt Tamaya Hotel and Resort on April 6th-8th, 2011. The competition provides an opportunity for students to present their current or completed research and earn a cash prize.

Eligibility

Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled within a New Mexico, Nevada or Idaho institution of higher education are eligible to participate in the poster competition. The poster session is limited to 50 entrants. To enter, simply provide your poster title and authors during online registration for the Tri-State Meeting at www.nmepscor.org. The registration fee is discounted for students.

Poster Abstract Guidelines and Submission

All confirmed participants must submit a poster abstract via e-mail by Monday, March 14, 2011. Abstracts should be created in Microsoft Word, single-spaced, written in 12 point font with a maximum word count of 300. Participants must include the project title, name(s) of authors and the institution name in the headline of the abstract. The body should describe the background and intent of the research, methods, discussion of relevance to current EPSCoR topics, and the results or future direction of the research. Submit your abstracts to Natalie Willoughby, Public Information Representative, at nwilloughby@epscor.unm.edu.

Please note: Failure to submit an abstract March 14, 2011 will result in disqualification.

Poster Session and Judging

Students who wish to qualify for the cash prize must be present to set up their poster (36" x 48") and present to judges during the poster session on Thursday, April 7th (easels and other set up supplies will be provided). Judges will evaluate posters using technical, content and oral presentation criteria. Winners will be announced the following morning at the meeting opening.

Questions?

Contact Natalie Willoughby at nwilloughby@epscor.unm.edu or 505.814.7500 x.8111.

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Poster Evaluation Criteria

TECHNICAL

Legibility: Adequate font size, quality of printing, etc.

Materials: Polished presentation, meets 36" x 48" requirement

Overall Visual Appeal: Layout of text, images, graphics and figures

CONTENT

Title: Effectively highlights the poster's subject matter

Authors: Student(s) and others listed, institutional affiliations listed

Abstract: Succinctly and clearly summarizes project

Introduction: Adequate background given constraints of medium

Methods: Clear outline of procedures

Tables & Figures: Effectively communicates key facts and concepts, and uses captions

Results/Conclusions/Future Direction: Adequate/convincing summary of findings

Acknowledgements/Funding Attributions: Credit given to people & organizations

ORAL PRESENTATION

Availability: Present for presentation and questions from judges

Understanding of Project: Student(s) fully grasp & understand material

Presentation Skills: Engaging presentation, clear and concise delivery

