

Center Point Symposium Abstract Competition Graduate Student Guidelines

We encourage all graduate students and postdoctoral researchers to submit an abstract highlighting their original research. Submissions should include a single page abstract that addresses research questions, applications of research, obstacles, future research, etc.

8 graduate students will be selected by the faculty review board to present a talk during the symposium. Other selected abstracts will be invited to present a poster at the Center Point Symposium. All abstracts must be submitted by **July 15th 11:59PM CST** to be considered.

Guidelines

The scientific abstract should have a title and description of research. All sections should be printed in Times New Romans, 11 point font with 1.0 inch margins. Section headers should appear in bold, and the following text in each section should be unbold.

Title: Title should be typed in Initial Caps.

Authors: List all authors and their affiliations (all should be entered in the author section or they will be not be in Title Should Be Typed in Initial Caps the author index), adding an asterisk after the presenting author's name on your abstract.

Research Project Description (500 word maximum): Briefly describe research question, significance of research, relevant materials and methods, and any preliminary findings. Supporting figures may also be included, but must be referenced.

Graduate Student Guidelines

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Introduction: This section should include background information in order to introduce the current study, its importance to the literature, and its impact on society. The introduction should also clearly characterize the scientific question being investigated.

Materials and Methods: Materials and Methods used in the study should be briefly explained in this section. For example, what essential reagents were used, what patients or tissue samples were studied, what special techniques were applied and how, and what type of study was performed. This section should also demonstrate how the methods used by the authors will address the questions presented in the introduction section.

Results and Discussion: This section should include a summary of any significant results, and should be presented as concisely as possible. This section can also include figure(s) or table(s) to support the presented research.

Conclusion: Conclusions should be stated concisely and should state the implications and significance of the data presented. Do not introduce or defend concepts not considered in the body of the abstract. This section could also include recommendations for future studies.