

Center Point Symposium Poster Competition Undergraduate Student Guidelines

We encourage all undergraduate students 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.

Selected abstracts will be invited to present their work at the Center Point Symposium poster competition. One winner and two runners-up will be recognized with award certificates and prizes at the Center Point Symposium. Only posters presented in-person will be eligible for awards. 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.

Judging Criteria

Research – up to 50 points

- Objective and background of the problem are addressed.
- Research is original and innovative.
- Research has practical implications and is relevant to current industry needs.
- Research methodology is sound (e.g. research process, data quantity is sufficient).
- The result or conclusion of the research is clear and easy to understand.

Communication – up to 50 points

- The project is clearly explained, including an initial problem or question, the process and the result or conclusion.

- The research is explained in a way that is easily understood by those outside the subject area or without the specific technical expertise.
- Poster content is readable (text and figures) and flows in logical sequence without presenter being present
- Presenter is able to answer relevant questions clearly and concisely when prompted