

## Instructions for Poster Presentations

1. **The display board surface is a maximum of 4 feet (1.2 meters) high and 4 feet (2.4 meters) wide.** It may be smaller at your discretion. It will be placed on display boards. The title, author(s) and institution(s) are to be prominently displayed across the top border with lettering height between 1 and 2 inches (2.5 to 5.0 cm).
2. Poster displays must include ABSTRACT and other TEXT NARRATIVE. Depending on the focus of the research, include as appropriate some or all of the TABLES, FIGURES, ILLUSTRATIONS, PHOTOGRAPHS and LEGENDS. These materials will be viewed from a distance of about 3 feet, so choose large type or print font and points that can be read from that distance. One example that works well: a Times New Roman font in 18 point that results in 11 characters and spaces per horizontal inch, and 4 lines per vertical inch.
3. Many effective materials are available for display, ranging simply from paper to paper and photographs mounted on poster board, to having the entire display printed on a 4'x4' scroll. They will be placed on display boards using push pins.
4. Include and arrange all material in an articulate and coherent manner.
  - a. In the Introduction briefly summarize the necessary background that led to the work and clearly identify the purpose of the experiment. Identify the questions asked or hypothesis(es) tested.
  - b. Provide sufficient detail of the EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN and the METHODS employed to do the work, including number and necessary demographics of the human or animal subjects studied.
  - c. RESULTS should be effectively presented by table, figure, illustration and/or photograph. Make each stand on its own so the viewer does not have to refer elsewhere on the display to understand the important message. For each table, figure, etc., a lucid INTERPRETATIVE LEGEND will go a long way in highlighting and briefly discussing the essential points.
    - i. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION – briefly describe the basis of the work and what inferences may be drawn.
    - ii. ACKNOWLEDGMENT – identify funding source(s), institutional support, individuals who have contributed and who are not listed as authors.
    - iii. Consider distributing a HANDOUT during presentation time if there is a need for it.