

## Call for Student Research Posters

**2018 Pennsylvania Botany Symposium, November 2 and 3**

**Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA**

The Pennsylvania Botany Symposium Steering Committee is pleased to announce a poster session, featuring student research projects, to be held on Friday, November 2 at 5:00 p.m. in conjunction with the 2018 Pennsylvania Botany Symposium.

### **Poster format and abstract submission:**

Student research projects from all areas of plant science are eligible. Space is limited to a total of 50 posters, 25 from undergraduate students and 25 from graduate students. The maximum poster size is 46 x 46 inches.

To have your research poster considered please submit an abstract of **no more than 300** words to Dr. Timothy A. Block ([block@upenn.edu](mailto:block@upenn.edu)) by **no later than Monday, October 8, 2018**. Your abstract submission must be in either **MS-Word or .pdf format**. Abstracts will be published online before the symposium.

A good abstract presents a clearly understandable overview of the research project without reading the whole poster. In addition to the title of your project and a list of authors and affiliations, your abstract should contain one or two sentences covering each of the following, in order:

1. Research topic
2. Problem or question being addressed
3. Research methods
4. Condensed results
5. Major points of discussion
6. Conclusions

### **Poster judging and awards:**

In addition to your abstract, for your poster to be considered for judging, you must also submit a **two-sentence statement** explaining the scientific merit of your project in a way **understandable to a lay audience**. If this statement is not submitted, we will assume that you do not want your poster to be included in judging and will not be eligible for the cash awards given for best posters.

Undergraduate and graduate student posters will be judged separately, and prizes will be awarded for the best posters in each of those categories.

### **Additional important information:**

Students presenting posters must be registered for the entire symposium. Registration for the PA Botany Symposium is open, and further information about the 2018 PA Botany Symposium is at <https://pabotany.org/pa-botany-symposia/>.

Posters must be on display before the beginning of the poster session at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 2. All posters must remain on display for the entire day on Saturday, November 3.

A student scholarship of \$100 per accepted poster will be provided by the PA Botany Symposium and will be paid as reimbursement after the symposium. No individual will receive more than one scholarship. Please provide the name and address of one student per poster to facilitate the reimbursement process.