

Call for Student Research Posters

The Pennsylvania Botany Planning Committee is pleased to announce a poster session, featuring student research projects, to be held on Saturday, November 6, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, in conjunction with the 2021 Virtual Pennsylvania Botany Symposium. Students at the high school, undergraduate and graduate levels are invited to submit research posters for judging and cash prizes during the virtual symposium on Saturday, November 6, 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Categories are:

- High School/Undergraduate
- Graduates

A first (\$200) and second (\$100) prize will be awarded in each category.

Poster Format

Student research projects from all areas of plant science are eligible. Posters describing research in progress, as well as completed projects, are welcome.

Space is limited to 50 posters, hosted online by ePosters. Posters should be uploaded in PDF format (please save PPT posters as PDF prior to uploading). The maximum dimensions of a poster are 55" (140 cm) X 27.5" (70cm). Posters with other dimensions can be uploaded but will be displayed with white bars on the sides to fill those dimensions. Links and instructions for poster uploading will be provided once the submitted abstract has been accepted.

If multiple authors will be co-presenting, please designate one presenter as the primary presenter to be displayed as the presenter in the conference platform.

Abstract Submission

To have your research poster considered please submit a poster title and abstract of **no more than 300** words on the Abstract Submission Form (find this form's link in the symposium's agenda table, immediately after the link to this PDF) by **no later than Friday, October 8, 2021**. 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.

Questions? Contact pabotany@naturalareas.org.

