

FALL 2024 STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM GUIDELINES

2024 Highlights:

- Poster session is Thursday, Dec. 5th, 2024, from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm in the Science Complex Commons
- Attendance at poster, while strongly encouraged, is not

Poster Labeling and Sections

At the top of your poster, prepare a title section indicating: (1) The title and (2) the author(s) and their institutional affiliation(s). Generally, you should include the following major sections: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and References Cited.

NOTE: References Cited section is required! Sections should be labeled and appear in a clear order. See the judging rubric below for how your poster will be judged.

Visual Appearance-Characteristics of the Layout

The poster is a visual presentation of information. Use text sparingly, rely instead on graphs, charts, tables, and pictures to communicate information. Your text should focus on the main points of your design, rationale, etc. Your poster should NOT be a copy of your written paper glued onto poster board. Some tips include:

- Use an attention-getter near the title- it should be the element with the most visual impact of the whole poster.
- Photos, maps, drawings, graphs, or the title often capture interest. Use a large font size (24 point or larger) and list your major points as bullets (smaller font size is acceptable for references).
- Consider using colored section backgrounds to help group your major headings.