



Poster Session Guidelines

(Adapted from NCHC)

Posters should be electronically generated and printed in advance of the conference.

1. Presenters will be provided with a 36" (vertical) x 48" (Horizontal) poster board placed on an easel. Binder clips will also be provided for presenters to attach their poster to the poster board.
2. Your poster will be on display for 1.5-hour time period. You will need to check-in at the poster venue prior to the start of the session and have your poster set up before the start of the session. You will be able to set up your poster beginning two hours before your session. Allow yourself plenty of time for the setup in order to relax and enjoy the presentation. You are expected to be at your poster during the session to interact with faculty judges and address questions from interested visitors. You are also responsible for the prompt removal of your poster and return of binder clips to the check-in desk at the end of the session.
3. Your poster should be constructed so that it presents the desired information in a self-explanatory manner.
4. Keep your poster simple and brief. A poster is not a place for you to tack up your entire body of research for people to read. Instead, think of a poster as a series of highly efficient, organized "panels" (a storyboard) upon which appear synopses of the relevant information you want to convey - just enough to get your point across.
5. Organize your poster materials using headings, such as "Introduction," "The Research Question," "The Methodology," and "Findings." These headings will help establish a logical flow to your poster.
6. Use large enough fonts so people will not have to squint to read the material. For headings, use at least a 48-point font. For text, use nothing less than 18-point.
7. Make your poster visually appealing. Have fun. Be creative. Incorporate color. Use photographs, graphs, charts, maps, and the like. Simplify charts and figures to include only relevant information. Be attentive to the layout and placement of your materials.
8. Place the title of your work in a prominent position on your poster. Include your name and your school. You may wish to have handouts, business cards, and a way to collect names and contact information for anyone interested in receiving more details about your research (Please remember you will not have a table at your disposal)
9. Do not plan on using any audiovisual equipment. None will be available, and if you bring your own, it will not be secure. You will not have access to electrical outlets and will not have a table or chair on which to place a laptop.
10. Your poster represents you, your school, and the Great Plains Honors Council. Take great care to plan and organize it well. Make sure it communicates the intended information in

an interesting, visual manner. Ask your honors director or research advisor to proof your work.