



## **Fourth Annual Graduate Research Poster Exhibit & Competition**

The Graduate Research Poster Exhibit & Competition is an opportunity for graduate students to showcase their research endeavors to the campus community. This year's event will be a **virtual** display of posters. The virtual poster exhibit consists of a visual display of creativity and research findings. The special event is held in the spring of every year as part of Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week, April 5 – 8, 2021.

The virtual poster exhibit will be displayed through the Ina Dillard Russell Library, Knowledge Box. The Knowledge Box is a digital repository that captures, maintains, preserves, and provides access to Georgia College's intellectual capital and institutional records in addition to supporting its teaching and research missions.

### **Competition**

As part of the exhibit, The Graduate School will host an awards competition. Participating graduate students will demonstrate their engagement in high quality research or creative activity. There is no oral presentation. Participants should strive to allow their poster to do most of the "talking". The competition will provide students whose research is deemed outstanding and innovative with an opportunity to be evaluated by faculty judges and awarded prizes.

### **Eligibility**

- Currently enrolled Georgia College graduate student in good standing.
- Posters must be based on original research or case studies related to the graduate student's program of study.
- Posters previously presented at events and meetings are allowed.
- Students may submit only one poster.
- Students may submit multi-authored posters. Coauthors can be students or faculty members, but the student must be the primary author.

Posters will be judged in accordance with the standard guidelines of the student's discipline, and may include the following components:

- Abstract
- Clearly defined research topic, problem, or hypotheses
- Significance of research clearly stated
- Research questions align with methods
- Presentation of data and/or argument is clear, thorough, and detailed

- Figures, tables, graphs, and images compliment presentation
- Visually appealing, well organized, easy to read, and free of grammatical errors

### **Abstract guidelines**

- 150 - 300 words in one paragraph with the original title (no more than 20 words).
- The research problem(s) and the purpose of the research.
- A brief research background that situates the research.
- A brief description of the research design, i.e., data, methodology, etc.
- Major (expected) findings, conclusions, interpretations, or/and policy implications of the research. References are not required within the abstract.

### **Virtual Poster Display \***

- A virtual poster is a visual medium (usually of the paper or board variety) that students use to communicate their research.
- The material presented on the poster should convey the essence of the research message.
- Poster requirements are landscape or portrait.

**\* Refer to these links for examples on Humanities and Social Sciences Exhibition Posters. \***

- <https://wp.nyu.edu/archivesandpublichistory/2014/05/13/poster-tips-for-humanities-conference-posters/>
- <https://www.uhd.edu/academics/sciences/scholars/Documents/workshop-poster.pdf>

### **Judging & Scoring**

The judging panel will consist of faculty members from diverse backgrounds and programs of study. Posters will be evaluated using a scoring rubric. See page 4 for scoring rubric.

### **Prize Package**

- First place – Ribbon, framed certificate, GC swag gift bag, and recognition on The Graduate School web page.
- Second place – Ribbon, framed certificate, GC swag gift bag, and recognition on The Graduate School web page.
- Third place – Ribbon, framed certificate, GC swag gift bag, and recognition on The Graduate School web page.
- Honorable Mention – Ribbon, framed certificate, GC swag gift bag, and recognition on The Graduate School web page.

## How to apply

1. Prepare a 100–300-word abstract (Microsoft Word document).
2. Register and submit abstract to the online registration form. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Graduate Research Poster Exhibit Committee. An email notification of acceptance decision will be sent within 7 business days.
3. Submissions with a decision of **approved** may proceed with creating a virtual poster. The approval notification will include instructions on proceeding with the Knowledge Box.
4. Submit the approved abstract and the electronic copy of the poster to the Knowledge Box no later than 5PM, March 31, 2021.

## Online registration form:

[https://gcsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9R0OnykmoAhjuHI](https://gcsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9R0OnykmoAhjuHI)

## Timeline

Online registration opens.	February 1, 2021
Deadline to register and submit abstract.	March 19, 2021, by 11:59PM
Email notification of abstract acceptance decision.	Sent within 7 business days of abstract submission.
Submission of abstract and an electronic copy of poster to Knowledge Box.	No later than 5PM on March 31, 2021
Judging of posters	April 5-7, 2021
Winners will be announced at The Graduate School Annual Awards Reception. The reception will be held virtually. The link to virtual event will be posted to The Graduate School Events page and emailed to all participants in April.	April 8, 2020, 6PM – 7PM.



## Graduate Student Research Exhibit & Competition

### Scoring Rubric

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Poster Title: \_\_\_\_\_

	Not applicable	Did not meet (0 point)	Met to some degree (5-6 pts)	Met (7-8 pts)	Excellent (9-10 pts)
Clearly defined research topic, problems, or main direction					
Clearly stated research purpose(s)					
Clearly and correctly cite previous research related to current research					
Research questions/hypotheses align with methodology					
Presentation of data is clear, thorough, and detailed					
Evidence/data compliment presentation					
Descriptions of research (e.g., photos, pictures, etc.,) compliment presentation					
Ability to find out any contribution to future research					
Visually appealing, well organized, and easy to read					
Additional comments (except the above rubrics, judges can give their qualitative assessment).					

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_