

The Graduate School

Third 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. The 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 6 – 9, 2020.

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. 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.

* 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>

Poster Display Guidelines & Printing

- Orientation and Maximum size – Portrait, 48" x 36". **No landscape orientation.**
- Participants will be allowed **one free** poster print.
- Poster printout is limited to the size guideline and heavy weight paper. Students preferring a different paper type and other enhancements will be responsible for the full cost.
- Steps for poster printing requests will be provided in the abstract acceptance email notification.

Judging

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 3 for 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.

Timeline

Online registration opens for abstract submission. Register at https://gcsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqkkJuxjFGLyRE1	January 16, 2020
Deadline to register and submit abstract.	February 26, 2020
All participants will be notified via email of abstract acceptance or denial.	by March 2, 2020
Hanging of posters	April 6, 2020
Judging of posters (participants do not have to be present)	April 8, 2020
Awards (The Graduate School Annual Awards Reception)	April 9, 2020



Graduate Research Poster Exhibit & Competition Scoring Rubric

Name: _____

Poster Title: _____

	Not applicable	Did not meet (0 points)	Met to some degree (6 points)	Met (8 points)	Excellent (10 points)
Clearly defined research topic, problems, or hypothesis(es)					
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					
Comments:					

Total Points: _____