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## **ACERT Student Poster Competition**

### Rules and Regulations

#### Eligibility

- All participants of the student poster competition should be members of the ACERT at the time of the application and at the time of the conference.
- The poster should be the original work of student(s) submitting the poster.
- Only one submission per student or student group.
- An educational program may submit more than one poster.

#### Poster Categories

##### *Informational Posters*

- Intended to educate the reader/viewer on a relevant topic. Examples would be a literature review or a case study
- Topics could include disease or disease process, key radiographic principle, an emerging technology, etc.
- The poster should include the following sections: Title, Purpose, Findings, Conclusion and References.
- Posters should not be a cut and paste from sources.
- All sources (including images) shall be appropriately cited.

##### *Investigational / Original Research Posters*

- Intended to share original research or results of an experiment conducted by the presenter(s).
- The poster should include the following sections: Title, Abstract/Introduction (w/ hypothesis, research question, or objectives), Research Review, Methodology, Results, Conclusion and References.
- Posters should not be a 'cut and pasted' version of original research paper. Research papers shall be reformatted to read as a poster and should contain some type of visual/image display. Investigational posters should not be solely written material.
- All sources (including images) shall be appropriately cited.

#### Judging

- Posters will be scored by the ACERT Student Poster Committee in time for the ACERT Conference.

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- Awards will be announced and given to the recipients at the ACERT Conference.
- Judges are to individually evaluate each poster utilizing the ACERT poster rubric pertaining to the appropriate poster category (Informational or Investigational/Original Research).
- Judges will award the poster the score they feel is appropriate and the judges' decision is final.
  - Half points may be awarded.
  - Higher points indicate an excellent score and lower points indicate a poor score. Mid-range points indicate an average score.
  - Judges shall tally the final score for each poster.
- Judges should not divulge any results of the judging.
- Judges may not score posters from their own students/programs

### Poster Submission

- Posters shall be submitted electronically through the ACERT website no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the ACERT Annual Conference in February.
- Posters will be created in PowerPoint or Google slides and electronically displayed on a 52" monitor at the conference. No table top posters will be accepted.
- Poster visual content shall be in the form of static text, graphs, tables, or photos. No animated graphics will be allowed.
- The poster should be submitted in a static .jpeg format. The static .jpeg image of a PowerPoint or Google slide image should be sized to the same dimensions as a professional poster (48" x 36"). Consider using a common template or the ruler and guides to align information and enhance the professional appearance of the poster. Many poster templates can be found online to include templates provided by [Rutgers University](#).
- Ensure the .jpeg image is of high quality resolution prior to submission. Posters that are illegible will be disqualified.
- Two separate .jpeg images should be submitted. One anonymized, with all presenter and educational program recognized information absent and the other displayed with the presenter's name and educational program. **(See examples below)**
- Rubrics will be utilized by the judges for scoring of poster submissions. It is recommended that participants review and utilize the rubrics provided on the ACERT website to ensure that all criteria and required elements for their poster have been met before submitting.
- Participants are responsible for following all the rules pertaining to the preparation and submission of the poster.

*Example with educational program identifying information included:*

			<b>[Investigational/Original Research Poster Example with School Information Included]</b>						
			<b>[Insert Authors]</b>			<b>[Insert Department], Rutgers University, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854</b>			
<b>Abstract</b>		<b>Methodology</b>		<b>Results</b>					
Insert abstract here		Insert materials and methods here		Insert results here					
						<b>Conclusion</b>			
						Insert conclusion here			
								<b>References</b>	
						Insert references here			
<b>Research Review</b>									
Insert research review here									

*Example with educational program identifying information removed:*

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