

WWU Chapter – SIGMA XI Scientific Research Society & the College of Science & Technology

CALL FOR STUDENT POSTERS

Poster Presentation: Thursday AND Friday sessions, May 19 & 20 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Location: Library Reading Room (as part of All-University Scholars Poster Session).

New Online Registration: <http://west.wvu.edu/scholarsweek/create.aspx> To register for the Poster Competition, please check the Sigma Xi box on the *All-University Scholars Poster Session* online registration form.

Deadline for submission of title and abstract Friday, April 29th, 2011.

The WWU Chapter of Sigma-Xi and the College of Science & Technology announce the 23rd Annual Student Poster Presentation on Thursday and Friday, May 19th and 20th. In order to accommodate the large number of poster submissions, this year the poster session will be *split* into *two sessions*, *one* on Thursday and *one* on Friday, each in the library from 10 am to 2 pm. The online registration form asks that you indicate your preferred day(s) for presenting; however we cannot guarantee we will be able to honor your request. The session offers undergraduate and graduate students in **any** of the sciences an opportunity to share their research with the WWU community.

POSTER GUIDELINES

FORMAT

- Poster should be readable from a distance of 2 m.
- Title should be sentence case with lettering at least 2 cm high (72 pt).
- Authors and affiliations should be in upper- and lower-case lettering at least 11 mm high (42 pt).
- Text lettering should be at least 5 mm high (18 pt) with a line thickness of at least 1 mm.

CONTENT

- Information should be well organized and concisely presented. It is suggested that a poster include the following sections:
1- Abstract 2- Introduction 3- Materials and Methods 4- Results 5- Discussion 6- Conclusions
- Keep written text to a minimum. Bulleted short phrases are effective. Colorful large graphs, flow charts, diagrams and photographs (half a dozen at most) are often effective. Keep captions and legends short and informative.
- A person who knows nothing about your research should be able to understand it easily from your poster.
- Good suggestions for preparing a poster are found at: <http://www.waspacegrant.org/posterdesign.html>.
- We recommend bringing copies of a one-page abstract of your research to hand out to visitors and other presenters who may be interested in more detail.
- Communicate with the tech center by April 21st to ensure a time for poster printing (www.wvu.edu/techcenter).

DIMENSIONS

- The poster should be no larger than 40" x 60". Thumbtacks will be provided.

EVENT TIMELINE

- Set-up is 9:30 - 10 am on the day of your poster presentation. Authors should place their poster as directed by the information desk in the Library Reading Room.
- Authors should be near their poster and available to answer questions and discuss their research as long as possible from 10 am to 2 pm on the day of their presentation.
- Awards to be given during the Friday session. Categories for awards include:
Best Undergraduate Poster - Best Graduate Poster - Honorable Mention
- **Please take your poster down by 3 pm on the day of your presentation, otherwise it will be taken down and probably discarded.**

TITLE & ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- Brief title: No more than 75 characters.
- List the names of *all* authors (presenting authors and co-authors). All authors will be invited to the Scholar's Week banquet if abstract is submitted by the priority deadline. In the case of an award when there are multiple student authors, only the first two presenting student authors will receive the award. Note that it is professional courtesy to include your research advisor as a co-author. The faculty mentor's e-mail address must also be in the online registration form for official communication purposes.
- Provide abstract. *Abstract limited to 200 words.* No indent of paragraphs or figures.

QUESTIONS

- Please contact Prof. Steven Emory in the Department of Chemistry. tel: x7437 or e-mail: steven.emory@wwu.edu