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Call for Student Research Posters

2023 Pennsylvania Botany Symposium, October 20 and 21

Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA

The Pennsylvania Botany Symposium Steering Committee is pleased to announce a poster session, featuring student research projects, to be held on Friday, October 20th at 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the 2023 Pennsylvania Botany Symposium.

Eligibility:

Undergraduate and graduate student research from all areas of plant science are eligible, including presentations by recent graduates (i.e., degree conferred spring or summer 2023) of their student research.

Abstract submission:

To have your research poster considered please complete the abstract submission form at <https://forms.gle/Ryr7G6F3XzgtJrFKA> by no later than October 2nd, 2023.

The submission form will require a poster title, a list of authors and affiliations, and an abstract of no more than **300 words**. A good abstract presents a clearly understandable overview of the research project without reading the whole poster. Your abstract should contain one or two sentences covering each of the following, in order:

1. Research topic
2. Problem or question being addressed
3. Research methods
4. Condensed results
5. Major points of discussion
6. Conclusions

Abstracts will be published online before the symposium.

Poster format:

The maximum poster size is 44 x 44 inches. Any poster dimensions that fit within that maximum size (e.g., vertical, horizontal, or square) are acceptable.

Poster judging and awards:

In addition to your abstract, for your poster to be considered for judging, you must also submit a two-sentence statement explaining the scientific merit of your project in a way understandable to a lay audience. If this statement is not submitted, we will assume that you do not want your poster to be included in judging and will not be eligible for the cash awards given for best posters.

Undergraduate and graduate student posters will be judged separately, and prizes will be awarded for the best posters in each of those categories. Recently graduated undergraduates (degree conferred spring or summer 2023) will be included in the undergraduate category and remain eligible for judging. Recent M.S. or doctoral graduates (degree conferred spring or summer 2023) are welcome to present their student research but will not be included in judging. There will be a \$200 prize to the first-place poster in both the undergraduate and graduate categories, and a \$100 prize to the second-place poster in each category. These prizes are per-poster (to be shared among co-presenters, if any).

Additional important information:

Students presenting posters must be registered for the symposium. Registration for the PA Botany Symposium will open soon. Further information about the 2023 PA Botany Symposium and registration information can be found at <https://pabotany.org/>.

Posters must be set up in the poster hall in advance of the poster session on Friday, October 20th. Setup opens at 1:30 pm, and posters should be set up no later than 4:00 pm (30 minutes before the start of the poster session). We will contact presenters in advance of the symposium with instructions for the poster session, including your poster number and presentation time within the poster session. All posters must remain on display through the end of the symposium on Saturday, October 21st. In addition to the Friday evening poster session, attendees will be able to view posters throughout the day on Saturday.

A student scholarship of \$100 *per accepted poster* will be provided by the PA Botany Symposium and will be paid as reimbursement after the symposium. No individual will receive more than one scholarship. Co-presenters of posters are welcome; the \$100 per-poster scholarship should be shared among co-presenters. In the abstract submission form, please provide the name and address of one student per poster to facilitate the reimbursement process.