

2026 Graduate Student Symposium Poster Presentation Judging Rubric

Presenter's Name: _____ Presentation Number: _____

Category	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	Score
Hypothesis/Goals	Hypotheses/goals of research inappropriate or not stated.	Questionable hypothesis presented; background information was presented but connections were not made.	Logical hypothesis presented; background information relevant but connections not always clear. Project goal clearly stated.	Background information clearly stated, summarized well. Connections to broader problems/literature clear. Project goal clearly stated; showed clear relevance. Broader impact beyond project clearly stated.	
Methods/Procedures	Methods section missing. No originality. Serious lack of controls or discussion of controls.	Good choice of methods to address project goals/hypothesis. Good original thinking.	Very good choice of methods/procedures to address project goals/hypothesis. Very good original thinking.	Excellent choice of methods/procedures. Demonstrates original thinking or innovation. Clear discussion.	
Results	Results unclear; not reproducible; presentation of data missing.	Sufficient data presented to address hypothesis or project goals. Presentation of data not entirely clear.	Good data presented.	High quality data presented; presentation of data was clear, thorough, detailed.	
Conclusions/Future Work	Conclusions missing; no connection with hypothesis or project goal.	Conclusions were given but not connected to hypothesis or project goal. Difficult to make connections.	Reasonable conclusions were given but not necessarily supported by data. Relevance not discussed.	Reasonable conclusions given and strongly supported with evidence. Conclusions connected to project goals/hypothesis and relevance discussed in wider context.	
Presentation Design	Not visually effective. Poor use of space for graphics. Major readability issues. Multiple spelling or grammatical errors.	Presentation was acceptable but needs work to improve visual appeal through better utilization of fonts, colors, headings, and white space.	Presentation was adequate but could improve effectiveness through better use of space through font size, colors, headings, and white space.	Visually appealing and strongly effective presentation. Easy to read. Utilized creativity in use of fonts, headings, colors, and white space. Figures/tables are appropriate and labeled correctly. Diagrams/graphs improve understanding.	
Total Scores in right column to obtain total score (Maximum total of 60)					

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