



Poster Guidelines and Presentation Information

ND EPSCoR State Conference

Thursday, September 24, 2009 - Memorial Union
North Dakota State University, Fargo

Poster space is limited to 140. Research mentors are asked to select up to four posters that best represent their focus areas. This will help assure broadened participation across the research community.

NOTE: Display area allotted each poster will be 4' x 4'.

Poster presentations provide an opportunity for presenter and audience to talk with one another. During the session, the audience moves through the poster displays, stopping to talk with those presenting research that is of personal interest. In constructing your poster, you should attempt to exploit the opportunities provided by this extended visual mode of presentation. Successful posters achieve both coverage and clarity. The guidelines below should help contribute to the success of your poster:

Display area allotted each poster will be 4' x 4'. Cork boards and pins will be available for each poster. Pick up a program when you arrive to find your display number and location.

- Include the title, author(s), affiliation(s), and a description of the research that highlights the major elements of your work. The poster should provide brief statements consisting of an introduction, method including subjects and procedures, results, and conclusions
- Minimize detail and try to use simple jargon-free statements. Your final conclusions should leave observers with a concise statement of your most important findings.
- Do not overwhelm the viewer with excessive amounts of information. Rather, construct a poster display that enhances conversation.
- Pictures, tables and figures are amenable to poster display. You may want to use color in these visuals.
- Lettering should be neat and large enough to read from a distance (i.e., at least 3/8" high in bold font). Do not simply display a set of typed pages—reserve those for a handout.
- Consider using a flow chart or some other method of providing the viewer with an organized guide to inspecting your display.
- Posters may be set up *beginning at 8:15 a.m.* on September 24th and *should be in place by 9:00 a.m.* *The number assigned to your abstract determines the time you present.*
- Presenters with an **even-numbered** poster are requested to be in attendance at their posters from **9:30-10:45 a.m.** *Odd-numbered poster presenters may view during this time.* Presenters with an **odd-numbered** poster are requested to be in attendance at their posters from **10:45-12:00 Noon.** *Even-numbered poster presenters may view during this time.*

You may want to have available for distribution a printed version (6-10 copies) of your presentation, with the details of the research, and/or a sign-up sheet on which interested people can request the paper. Be sure to indicate on the hand-out your name and affiliation.