

# Applied Sciences Undergraduate Research Sessions (ASURS) 2026

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### Guidelines for Preparation of Posters

- 1. Poster Title** To effectively communicate the nature of the project, the title should be no more than 20 words long and succinct.
- 2. Name of the Author(s)** The name of the poster presenter should appear first, followed by the order in which the authors contributed to the work.
- 3. Affiliations (Institution/Organization)** Below the list of authors, include your department and the university.
- 4. Organization**

**Introduction:**  
Present any background information necessary for the reader to understand your poster. Start with a general introduction to the field. Be brief, but include the important points to be sure the reader sees the relevance of your work. Bullet points are best, versus big paragraphs of text.

#### **Methodology**

State briefly your methodology for answering your hypothesis or research question(s). You do not need to go into more detail here; it is often better to include details in figures or graphics.

#### **Figures or Images**

Figures include graphs, lists, tables, images, diagrams, illustrations, and other relevant graphics. Every one of your graphics or figures will usually have a title.

#### **Results and Discussion:**

Provide a succinct explanation of how your findings address your research question or hypothesis to assist readers in making the connection. Use a table, diagram, and graph if you can.

#### **Conclusions**

A summary of the research works.

### **Future Directions**

If it is appropriate, you should explain what you plan to do next on the project. Do your conclusions lead you to a new question? Are you considering trying a new method to answer your original question?

### **References**

List sources that you cite in the various sections of your poster. You should list your sources using the citation format appropriate to your discipline and project (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.).

### **Acknowledgements**

If you are funded by a URC program, acknowledge your respective program (i.e. URFP, URSP, MMUF, etc.) as well as the grant you received. Otherwise, it's highly recommended you acknowledge those who assisted you on or contributed to your research, which includes the funding source that paid you or provided the funds used to support your project.

## 5 **Poster Presentation Size and Format**

- Posters will be presented **digitally** and **will not** be printed.
- Each poster must be prepared as a **single PowerPoint slide** in **widescreen format (16:9 aspect ratio)**.
- The poster should be designed to fit entirely within one slide and must be clearly visible when displayed on a digital screen.
- The final submission must be in PowerPoint (.PPTX/.PPT) format.

## 7. **Font size and Style**

- Title – 20 point or larger
- Author/s – 18 point or larger
- Affiliation/s – 16 point or larger
- Headings – 18 point or larger
- Content – 12 point or larger
- Figure or Image captions – 10 point or bigger
- References and Acknowledgment – 10 point or larger
- Font style: Calibri

*\*Students may adjust the provided template according to their requirements while ensuring that the prescribed font sizes and style guidelines are strictly followed.*

8. **Typography**

- Avoid using abbreviations, acronyms and/or jargon in your poster.
- Make sure the font is consistent throughout.

9. **Additional Resources**

The following websites provide general suggestions on how to effectively display your research in poster format:  
<http://www.swarthmore.edu/NatSci/cpurrin1/posteradvice.html>  
<http://www.writing.engr.psu.edu/posters.html>

10. **University logo**

Place the faculty logo on the left side and the competition logo on the right side, with the title centered between them at the top of the poster.