

# Undergraduate Scholars Poster Competition



## Eligibility Information

- Undergraduate students may choose (i.e. not required) to participate in the *Undergraduate Scholars Poster Competition* that is open to all academic disciplines.
- Posters with *graduate student co-presenters* are NOT eligible for the poster competition. Graduate students may be listed as contributing co-authors and this will not affect poster competition eligibility.
- Because of the large number of posters, only 2 undergraduate posters per faculty member may be entered into the competition. Note: there is *no limit to the number of student posters that a faculty mentor may have displayed* at the *Undergraduate Scholars Showcase*. The limit applies only to the number of posters judged as part of the competition.
- Faculty mentors of students participating in the poster competition are **required** to serve as judges. In special circumstances this requirement may be waived. A Scholars Week representative will contact mentors prior to competition with instructions of how to participate in judging.

## Undergraduate Scholars Showcase Reception & Poster Competition Awards Announcement

- The reception will be held on Thursday of *Scholars Week* at 4:00 pm in the Wilson Library Reading Room. **There is no RSVP or invitation required as EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION.** This includes presenters, non-presenters, faculty, staff, friends, and guests.
- *Outstanding Poster Awards* will be announced at the *Undergraduate Scholars Poster Reception* on Thursday evening of *Scholars Week*.
- Students that receive *Outstanding Poster Awards* will be invited to attend and present their posters at *Back-2-Bellingham's "Party in the Library"* on Saturday at the end *Scholars Week*. More information about this event will be provided when the awards are announced.
- Award recipients will also receive electronic and written notification of their awards following *Scholars Week*.

## About Poster Evaluations

Student poster presentations are evaluated by judges based on the set of criteria outlined in Table I. Typically, each poster in the competition will be evaluated by a minimum of two judges. Note: judges may or may not identify themselves as judges to the presenters. An awards committee collects and reviews the judges' scores and comments and makes final award decisions.

Approximately 15% of the total posters presented at the *Undergraduate Scholars Showcase* will receive *Outstanding Poster Awards*.

In addition, it must be noted that the high quality of all of the posters presented makes award decisions very challenging. All presenters are commended for their outstanding contributions and efforts by *Scholars Week* Organizing Committee.

**Table I. Poster Presentation Evaluation Criteria**

Criterion	Description
Visual Quality of Poster	Organization, quality and clarity of tables and graphs, quality of graphics, overall clarity of project.
Originality & Quality of Project	Significance or impact of project, difficulty or complexity, quantity of work, student's contribution to project.
Quality of Oral Presentation	Clarity of presentation, ability to answer questions, poise, ability to put project into context, ability to explain significance of work.