

6th Annual UW-Madison Postdoctoral Research Symposium

September 24, 2021

Genetics-Biotechnology Center Building

The goal of the poster session is to share UW-Madison postdocs' current research. You will be given the opportunity to discuss your poster with symposium participants during the course of the Postdoctoral Research Symposium.

Blitz Talks will occur in Room 1111 of the Genetics-Biotechnology Center Building. The poster session will occur in the Atrium of the Genetics-Biotechnology Center Building. Both sessions will occur in the afternoon if you cannot attend the entire Symposium. If at a later date, university guidelines require us to adapt the symposium to a virtual format, we will let you know as soon as possible.

The deadline for the Blitz Talk and Poster submission is **midnight on Monday, August 16, 2021**. Your abstract should be ~300 words and no more than 1 page with graphics. Please include your name and title in the submission. Notification of acceptance will be sent in early September.

Please contact Aashique Rezwani (arezwan@wisc.edu) with any questions regarding submissions.

Guidelines for Blitz Talks:

1. 4–5-minute (max) research talk that will engage a wide audience.
2. Keep the technical terms to a minimum—postdocs from all areas, including humanities, science, and engineering, will be present.
3. The topic can be a broad scope of your research or a single study.
4. Questions will follow, please keep responses brief (1 minute).
5. Slides are allowed but not required. Upon acceptance, you will be asked to submit any slide(s) a week prior to the symposium.

Guidelines for poster preparation and submission:

1. You are welcome to use published/unpublished data and data/posters previously exhibited as a postdoc at UW-Madison.
2. The poster can be tailored toward a technical audience, but presenters should note that the audience will come from a broad array of backgrounds.
3. Suggested Dimensions – Standard poster size is 36x48 inches, but sizes can vary. Board sizes to hang posters on will be 4' x 4'.

Poster Session:

All poster presenters must bring their poster to the Genetics-Biotechnology Center Building on September 24 and plan to stand by your poster during the session. Please email Aashique Rezwani (arezwan@wisc.edu) if anything changes and you are unable to do so.

Helpful tips and suggestions for preparing your poster:

1. Posters should display a short and comprehensive review of the main facts of your study. It is important that the poster you submit can stand on its own in an online presentation.
2. Use standard fonts such as Times New Roman, Arial, and Calibri. *Minimum* font size should be 16 pt.
3. The title of the poster should be informative and concise. Consider crafting a title containing relevant keywords that represent the content of your poster and reflect the method in an interesting or catchy way.
4. Be sure to include all authors and their affiliations (and, if you wish, their academic credentials. Importantly, please provide the email address of the presenting author.
5. There are many possible sections to consider in the body of the poster. Depending on field and project type, typical sections may be Introduction or Background, Purpose or Aim(s), Materials and Methods, Results and Conclusions, Implications or Future Directions. We highly encourage novel formats that are appealing to the audience and effectively communicate research in creative ways.
6. When creating and resizing images, ensure that clarity is retained. Attempt to select and create images with high resolution.
7. If using a background image, make sure it does not obliterate the text by making the text too difficult to read clearly.
8. Please acknowledge any sources of funding and, if you wish, declare any commercial interests and conflicts.
9. For additional resources and ideas, please visit:
 - a. <https://writing.wisc.edu/handbook/assignments/posterpresentations/>
 - b. <https://designlab.wisc.edu/resources/projects/posters/>