

11th Annual UW-Madison Postdoctoral Research Symposium

2026 Poster Guidelines

Poster Abstract Submission

Abstract submissions are **due Friday, August 28**.

Your abstract should be ~300 words and no more than 1 page.

Notification of acceptance will be sent in early September.

Poster Competition

- The competition will take place in the atrium of the Discovery Building in the afternoon of Friday, September 25, 2026.
- All poster presenters must bring their poster to the Discovery Building on September 25 and plan to stand by your poster during the session.
- You are welcome to use published/unpublished data and data/posters previously exhibited as a postdoc at UW-Madison, either here or at a recent conference. For new postdocs interested in presenting, you are welcome to present from your dissertation or other prior work.
- The poster can be tailored toward a technical audience, but presenters should note that the audience will come from a broad range of backgrounds.
- Suggested Dimensions – Standard poster size is 36x48 inches, but sizes can vary. Board sizes to hang posters on will be 4' x 4'.
- The winners of the competition will be announced at the end of the symposium. They will receive a travel award.

Questions?

Contact the Postdoc Symposium Committee (uwpa@postdoc.wisc.edu).

Helpful tips and suggestions for preparing a poster:

- Posters should display a short and comprehensive review of the main facts of your study.
- Use standard fonts such as Times New Roman, Arial, and Calibri. *Minimum* font size should be 16 pt.
- 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.
- Be sure to include all authors and their affiliations (and, if you wish, the authors' academic credentials). Importantly, please provide the email address of the presenting author.

- 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.
- When creating and resizing images, ensure that clarity is retained. Attempt to select and create images with high resolution.
- If using a background image, make sure it does not obliterate the text by making the text too difficult to read clearly.
- Please acknowledge any sources of funding and, if you wish, declare any commercial interests and conflicts.
- Additional resources and ideas:
 - <https://writing.wisc.edu/handbook/posterpresentations/>
 - <https://designlab.wisc.edu/resources/projects/posters/>