

Dear Cleantech poster display participants,

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract for the [Cleantech Symposium](#) student poster display and competition. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at UGA's Delta Innovation Hub (Spring Street Building located at the intersection of Spring Street and Jackson Street near the edge of downtown Athens). Please follow the instructions below for poster submission and preparation for the event.

Poster Session Registration (deadline April 9, 2023):

Students interested in participating in the Poster Display and competition must pre-register with a title and a 250-word (max) abstract of their poster by April 9, 2023. On the [registration page](#), make sure to check the box for "Poster Competition Participant". You will be informed about the acceptance of your abstract by April 10, 2023.

Poster Submission:

Accepted posters should be printed in hardcopy on regular or glossy paper and dropped off in the Plant Pathology business office in 2105 Plant Sciences on or before noon on **Monday April 17, 2023**. Late submissions cannot not be accepted. We will be hanging the posters for you at the venue on the morning of the event.

There is no specific format required for the poster, and you are free to use an existing poster if you have one for your topic. If you create your poster for the event *de novo*, please keep the overall width at 36 inches or less. As always, keep the amount of text to a minimum and put more emphasis on graphics, tables, and charts. There are many excellent resources available online on how to design an effective scientific poster. If you do not have access to a poster printer in your department, you may want to consider the [Graduate School Free Poster Printing Service](#).

Poster Display:

Students are expected to stand by their posters **between 4:30 and 6:30 PM on April 19, 2023** in the Delta Innovation Hub Spring Street Building (210 Spring St, Athens, GA 30602) to discuss their research with interested attendees and answer questions posed by the poster judges. This will be during the reception and networking event of the Symposium, which should provide a captive audience.

If you would like to keep your poster, please remove it and take it with you after the poster judging is over. Posters still hanging by the end of the Symposium (7 PM) will be recycled.

Poster Judging Criteria:

The poster judges will use the criteria in the attached rubric to evaluate your poster and its discussion during the event. In summary, the entries will be judged based on:

- Poster appearance
- Content (Objectives, Methodology, Results, Discussion)
- Quality of the delivery during the Q/A session

Poster Prizes:

Separately for undergraduate and graduate categories: \$300, \$200, and \$100 for first, second, and third place, respectively.

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2023 CLEANTECH POSTER CONTEST RUBRIC

Presenter's Name(s): _____ Poster Number: _____

Category	1 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12	SCORE
Poster Appearance/ Clarity	Not visually effective.	Poster was acceptable but needs work to improve visual appeal through better utilization of fonts, colors, headings, and white space.	Poster was adequate but could improve effectiveness through better use of space through font size, colors, headings, and white space.	Visually appealing and strong effective presentation. Easy to read. Utilized creativity in use of text, headings, colors, and white space.	X 1.0
Poster Organization /Content	Connection not found between poster content and purpose of study, research hypothesis/question(s), method, conclusions, or implications. Poster is poorly organized and information is missing.	Content presented was difficult to understand and did not sufficiently convey a connection to the study, hypothesis, research question(s), method, conclusion, and/or implications. Information presented is somewhat confusing. Tables, graphs, photos, etc. are missing or poorly used.	The content was adequately presented but support for the study, research hypothesis, or question(s) is somewhat general. Conclusion and implications were reasonable. The presentation of information could use refining. Use of tables, graphs, photos, etc. could be improved.	Strong material. Well summarized. Clearly shows development of study or research. Material appears to accurately support the purpose of study, hypothesis, or research question. Strong conclusion and implications presented. Layout of the poster is logical, and provides sequential information from introduction to conclusion. Good use of tables, graphs, photos, etc.	X 1.5
Oral Presentation	Presenter was not prepared. Demonstrated problems in several areas (no eye contact, no clear discussion of research, lack of professionalism).	Presenter did not convey a sense of confidence or ability to <i>clearly</i> discuss the research problem, methods, conclusion, and implications. Additional practice would be helpful. Not able to relate poster to symposium theme.	Presentation and demonstration of understanding was acceptable. Demonstrated some problems (speaking too softly, use of jargon, hesitation, inability to handle questions, etc.).	Presenter was confident and professional. Established eye contact. Clearly conveyed research problem, methods, conclusions, and implications. Answered questions well. Discussed research in layperson's terms or appropriate to the judge.	X 1.0
Tally scores in right column to obtain total score (Maximum total of 42)					

Adapted from rubric from West Texas A&M University and the UGA Phenomics and Plant Robotics Center

Judge's Name: _____ Feedback: _____