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Dear Cleantech poster competition 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 **Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at UGA's Delta Innovation Hub, located in the Spring Street Building at the intersection of Spring Street and Jackson Street, near the edge of downtown Athens**. Please follow the instructions below for submitting and preparing your poster for the event.

Poster Session Registration (deadline Monday, November 10th, 2025):
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 Monday, November 10th, 2025. On the registration page, ensure that you check the box labeled "Poster Competition Participant". You will be informed about the acceptance of your abstract by Tuesday, November 11th, 2025.

Poster Submission:
Accepted posters should be printed in hardcopy on regular or glossy paper and brought over to the event on or before noon on **Tuesday, November 18th, 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted. You are responsible for hanging the posters at the venue by noon on the day 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, consider the Graduate School Free Poster Printing Service.

Poster Display and Competition:
Students are expected to stand by their posters **between 6:25 PM and 7:45 PM on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025** 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 take place during the reception and networking event of the Symposium, which is expected to 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 at the end of the Symposium (8:15 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) x 2 score
- Quality of oral presentation during the Q/A session x 1.5 score

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

Please contact Dr. Rhuanito Soranz Ferrarezi ferrarezi@uga.edu for questions.

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2025 CLEANTECH POSTER COMPETITION 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 the use of text, headings, colors, and white space.	**X 1**
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 the information could be refined. Use of tables, graphs, photos, etc. could be improved.	Strong material. Well summarized. Clearly shows development of study or research. The material appears to accurately support the purpose of the study, hypothesis, or research question. Strong conclusion and implications presented. The layout of the poster is logical and provides sequential information from introduction to conclusion. Good use of tables, graphs, photos, etc.	**X 2**
Oral Presentation	Presenter was not prepared. Demonstrated problems in several areas, including a lack of eye contact, unclear discussion of research, and a lack of professionalism.	Presenter did not convey a sense of confidence or ability to *clearly* 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, including speaking too softly, the use of jargon, hesitation, and an inability to handle questions.	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 1.5**
Please tally scores in the right column to obtain the total score (Maximum of 54)					

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

Judge's Name:_____ **Feedback:**