

Poster Session Guidelines

What is a Poster Session?

A Poster Session is where visual storytelling takes center stage. Create a captivating display that visually represents your work, sparking interest and conversation. The display combines text and graphics to make a visually pleasing presentation. Unlike the fast pace of a slide show or verbal presentation, a poster session allows viewers to study and restudy your information and discuss it with you one-on-one. Poster sessions are much less formal than conference talks or lectures.

How do Poster Sessions work?

During the poster session, conference attendees can wander around the poster hall to browse the displays. Your poster should quickly and efficiently communicate your research. The presenter(s) are expected to stay by their poster for the duration of the session so that other participants can come and listen to them talk about their work and ask them questions.

Each Poster will be entered into the **Poster Session Contest**, view the details **here**.

What are the benefits of a Poster Session?

Presenting at a poster session is a great opportunity! Poster Sessions are the best place to share your impressive research results and for networking as well.

There are 3 components to a Poster Session:

1. You

Prepare a 1–2-minute lightning talk about your research. These key points should be a unique experience or insight in simple, easy-to-understand language. Also prepare to answer questions about your research.

2. Your Poster

Your poster or display should be approximately 36" x 48". We recommend a foam board or a hard display board that can sit on an easel. The poster should outline your research with interesting commentary about what you learned along the way. The display should look professional with a balance of visuals and text.

Three questions to ask when designing a poster:

- What is the most important/interesting finding from my research?
- How can I visually share my research? Should I use charts, graphs, photos, images?
- What kind of information can I convey during my lightning talk that will complement my poster?

Getting your poster to the Symposium:

- 1. Print and bring Poster with you.
- 2. Print at a Local Print Shop in Orlando.

3. Handouts

While printed handouts are fine to provide, you are encouraged to load your material to the conference's Whova app via a link, prior to the event. Participants can then access them through the app. You can also have a QR code on your display that links the participant to a PDF file of your handouts.

Presenter Registration:

Regrettably, no honoraria will be given to workshop/poster presenters. All accepted workshop/poster presenters are entitled to an exclusive speaker registration rate of \$425. All accepted workshop/poster presenters are responsible for registering for the symposium by July 15, 2025 and paying the exclusive speaker registration fee. Please plan and budget accordingly before submitting your proposal. NPJS does not reimburse any speaker-related expenses, travel expenses, online tools, assessments, books or other presentation materials.

General Information:

- The poster session is one hour long. During the session you will remain by your display and share your research with other attendees.
- Posters may be set up Thursday morning.
- Display materials not removed at the conclusion of the Poster Session will remain on display in the General Session/Foyer area and will be discarded at the conclusion of the Symposium.
- No audiovisual equipment is permitted for poster presentations.
- An easel will be available on-site for mounting the displays.
- A small table for handouts will be provided.