

**Poster Presentation Guidelines 2024**

**Overview:**  
Poster sessions at MARC are free communication; posters will be on display to allow attendees to review posters and discuss with presenters. The posters will need to setup on Friday between 7.30am to 9am on the poster board number assigned to you based on the program and leave it setup until after the poster session.

**Preparing for your presentation:**

* The display boards are 40 in height x 60 inches wide.
* You should design and print your poster so that the font/graphics are readable but do not extend beyond the dimensions of the display board.
* All presenters must bring a printed copy of their presentation to display on the display board.
* Please bring pushpins to use to hang your poster.
* Check the program to determine which time block your presentation will take place in.

**Poster design instructions**:

* Information should be arranged in a logical manner so that a story is told without your presence. For tips on poster design try [BIORENDER](https://youtu.be/P3mhzhO-in8?si=5asVdNaSN5FcLKmL).
* Emphasize important points without an overabundance of detail.
* Include the following sections:
  + **ABSTRACT**-include the abstract submitted to MARC in the upper left corner of your poster.
  + **INTRODUCTION** - briefly summarize the background that led to your research, clearly identify the purpose, and identify research questions and/or hypotheses tested.
  + **METHODS-**describe the experimental design employed to collect data, including number and necessary demographics of the human or animal subjects studied.
  + **RESULTS-**presented by table, figure, illustration and/or photograph. Each graphic should stand on its own, so the viewer doesn't have to refer elsewhere for interpretation.
  + **CONCLUSION-**describe the major findings from your work and their meaning to the field
  + **ACKNOWLEDGMENT (if applicable)**- identify funding source(s), institutional support, individuals who have contributed significantly but who are not listed as authors, etc.
* Other helpful tips:
  + The title, author(s) and institution are to be prominently displayed across the top border with lettering height between 1 and 2 inches (2.5 to 5.0 cm).
  + Use large and dark lettering throughout (such as Times 18-point font style).
  + Use strong visual contrast. Consider color combinations/backgrounds.

**During the poster session:**

* Please arrive to your block session 5-10 minutes before the start of the poster session.
* Presentation etiquette dictates that all presenters in the session remain by their posters. Please do not leave the room before the block session has concluded.
* If you are a doctoral, masters or undergraduate student your poster will be judged by three reviewers during the session for student awards. The judges/reviewers may not introduce themselves and could judge your poster while you are presenting to the group. There is no blocked time for judging.
* All presenters must remove their posters at the conclusion of the block session. MARC is not responsible for lost or damaged posters.

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