

Frequently Asked Questions

Completed Paper Length

Although the committee would like to accept papers longer than the 10-12 pages mentioned in the conference announcement, it is not possible for the committee to reach a comparative decision for granting cash awards on papers of greater length. Therefore, papers longer than 10-12 pages (inclusive of front and end matter) will not be considered for awards.

Paper Presentations

If you are competing for the cash award and submitting your completed paper ahead of time, you are required to do a paper presentation rather than a poster presentation. These presentations are typically between 10-12 minutes and will present with around six other presenters. It is very important to stay within the time limits so that the round does not go over time. There will be two judges at the back of the room who might ask questions. You will present in rooms with PowerPoint capability so have the option of using technology. Students usually score better who present their paper rather than reading it to the judges.

What are presentations evaluated on

The ballots for each type of presentation as well as the completed paper are located on this website so it would be good to look this over to prepare for your presentation.

Poster Presentations

Be sure that your online submission says "Poster" if you are doing a poster presentation. Your poster needs to be able to sit on a table. If you need an easel, you need to bring your own. Your poster will be with another poster on a 6 foot table. You will stand beside your poster for the whole period of the poster judging.

Awards and Ballots

Please and plan on staying for the reception and awards presentation. There will be food and this is your opportunity to network with other presenters. At the conclusion of the awards presentations, you will be able to get your ballots from your presentation which might include helpful feedback.

How many times can I submit?

You may only submit one abstract to one category (paper, poster or media).