

2008 Poster Symposium & Competition:
“Global Challenges for the 21st Century”

Thursday, November 6, 2008, 2 – 6pm at the USF Research Connector*

STUDENT SUBMISSION FORM, INSTRUCTIONS, RULES
(Submission **DEADLINE EXTENDED: Friday, October 10, 2008**)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Day Phone: _____ USF ID(U#): _____

**Professor/Advisor (Name, Title): _____

Program/Track: _____ Year(s) in Program: _____ MA or PhD: _____

Research Topic/Title: _____

USF's Office of Research and Innovation and the Graduate School are hosting an inaugural Research Week Poster Symposium & Competition with the theme “**Global Challenges for the 21st Century**”. This Symposium & Competition is (1) designed for graduate students to present their research via poster, (2) to discuss important and timely research endeavors in a public forum, (3) to give students the opportunity to network with other scholars in different academic disciplines that share similar research interests, and (4) to provide students an opportunity to enhance their presentation skills and curriculum vitae.

Abstracts should be submitted by **(extended) Friday, October 10, 2008**. Abstracts should include a brief background, methods, findings (where applicable), and policy implications of your individual or collective research. **Poster abstracts are limited to 250 words**. The highest quality abstracts will be selected for poster presentations by a panel of research faculty. Students will be notified of acceptance or declination no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

****Submission/Routing Instructions for Students and Contact Information**
-PLEASE READ CAREFULLY-

Note: Electronic submissions of abstract may be forwarded to the email address below. **Faculty approval of abstract must be submitted.**

**See below for instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS: To submit application:

1. Provide the information requested (p.1) and Abstract (p.2) of this 3-page downloaded document, and save the entire document as a Word file.
2. Forward the Word file as an email attachment to Poster-Competition@grad.usf.edu
3. Request faculty signature for approval of abstract by **(extended) Friday, October 10**, then fax abstract with signature to (813) 974 – 5762 or submit to BEH 301 or mail to 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, BEH 301 Tampa, FL 33620

CONTACTS: Brett Mervis at bmervis@cas.usf.edu or 813-974-2141
Vania Benavides at vbenavides@grad.usf.edu or (813)974-7935

*MAP Link to the USF Research Connector: http://download.grad.usf.edu/Research_Con_Visitor_Map_2008-09.pdf

First Prize: \$250 - For each category presented
Second Prize: \$150 - For each category presented

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“I have reviewed and approved this abstract for submission and consideration for the 2008 USF Poster Symposium & Competition with the understanding that a determination of its submission as a poster to the Symposium will be reviewed by a USF faculty research panel.”

Faculty Signature:

Date:

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- Competition Rules and Guidelines -

1. The competition is open to all degree-seeking USF graduate students. Students must be enrolled during the semester in which the competition is held.
2. The presentations are to be executed in poster format.
3. Posters should be 48 inches in width by 36 inches in depth.
4. The research project must represent research pursued at USF in the academic year 2008-2009.
5. The student must follow principles of responsible conducting of research.
6. Students must submit the abstract electronically by a professor, major professor, program director or program chair.
7. Each entrant is required to submit a typed abstract of **no more than 250 words** in length describing the research project. Abstracts are due no later than 5:00 pm on **(extended)** Friday, October 10, 2008. A student will only be allowed to submit ONE abstract. It is essential that the abstract embody the points listed in #11 below.
8. The entire STUDENT SUBMISSION FORM, INSTRUCTIONS, RULES form must be filled out completely before emailing it to your major professor.
9. Where multiple people are involved, the student must acknowledge them within the poster heading.
10. The poster must be unified, coherent, and delivered according to appropriate standards for formal public display.
11. The presentation will be judged on the following criteria:
 1. Creativity (if applicable)—Originality in subject, research question(s), approach, analysis, and interpretation
 2. Approach—Thesis statement, problem statement and scope, research plan, ties to related and future work
 3. Thoroughness—Completeness, including experimental replication and evidence-supported conclusions
 4. Skill—Student skill, type and level of supervision, use of equipment
 5. Clarity—Precision of purpose, procedures, and conclusions; orderly presentation of data, results, and conclusions; answers to oral questions
 6. Abstract—Adequacy, clarity, conciseness
12. The research project must be under the direction of a member of the USF graduate faculty.
13. Submission of an abstract implies that any required IRB or IACUC approval is complete.

For clarifications or questions on the Symposium and/or the related submission process, please contact either Brett Mervis at bmervis@cas.usf.edu or 813-974-2141, or Vania Benavides at vbenavides@grad.usf.edu or (813)974-7935