Rules & Guidelines:
ASM International Poster Competition 2020 Edition

The ASM International Poster Competition seeks to highlight students and their research through an interactive competition. Please read the rules below to understand the competition requirements.

RULES & GUIDELINES

• The competition is open to all full-time students pursuing graduate or undergraduate degrees who are ASM/Material Advantage members. Not yet a member? Join by clicking here.

• Topics can cover the whole array of materials science & engineering. If you are involved in research in thermal processing, consider submitting your poster for the Fluxtrol Student Research Competition. You cannot participate in both competitions.

• Each poster can have up to two presenters as part of the competition. Should you win a prize, the award money will be split evenly between the two. Both presenters must be present for the competition.

• Presenters are responsible for setting up their displays (including printing and bringing the poster) and being present during the judging. No poster may be displayed without author participation.

• Presenters are responsible for the security of their displays and all items of value. ASM will not assume any responsibility for lost, stolen, or broken articles.

• All posters consent to the IMAT 2020 copyright release.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

• Students who want to participate must submit a registration form by 11:59 PM Eastern on May 4, 2020.

• After the above deadline, the organizers of the competition will evaluate all poster submissions based on application completeness and detail and how novel/original the poster topic is. The top ten undergraduate and top ten graduate submissions will be invited to the conference to present their research.

• Undergraduate and graduate students are considered separate categories for the contest.

POSTER FORMAT

• All poster presentations must be in English and display information from left to right, starting at the top left corner.

• Posters must be able to fit within 45” (height) x 46” (width) dimensions and easily read from two feet away.
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- The title and all author names and affiliations must be at the top of the display.

- You are permitted to show logos of funding sources; however, explicit advertisements are NOT permitted.

- The below are recommendations to help maximize the effectiveness of your poster. These are not mandatory.
  
  o Ideal title size is between 1” to 2” (2.5 cm to 5 cm) high.
  o Minimize written text, using only when needed to emphasize data and/or to stimulate discussion.
  o All illustrations, drawings, charts, pictures, graphs, figures, and captions should be large enough to be read from a distance. Matted and finished photographs are recommended to enhance visibility.
  o You may bring smaller copies of your poster (8.5x11 or A4 sizes only) for attendees. Bring a clear folder to put them in and pin to the board with your display.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- The Poster Competition will be held in Cleveland, Ohio at IMAT, ASM’s annual meeting in the Exhibit Hall on the Show Floor. Authors must register for the conference and be present for Poster Set-Up and Presenting and Judging:
  
  o Poster Set-Up – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 between 9 AM and 10 AM.
    ▪ Note that the Exhibit Hall is closed during this time. As part of the Poster Competition, you will be given early access to hang your poster. This access is granted via a sticker attached to your IMAT attendee badge. You may pick up your sticker at the IMAT registration desk when you get your attendee badge.
    ▪ Each author will be issued a number prior to arriving onsite. Only hang your poster by your issued number.
    ▪ There will be two posters per board, so allow equal space for the second poster on your board.
    ▪ Push pins will be provided.
  
  o Presenting and Judging – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 between 1 PM and 3 PM.
    ▪ Judges will spend no more than eight minutes with each presenter: three minutes for formal presentations and up to five minutes for Q&A and poster review.
    ▪ Posters will be judged in ascending order based on the issued number.
    ▪ All authors should be with their posters during this time.
  
  o Poster Take-Down – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 between 4 PM and 5 PM.
    ▪ If you would like your poster, they may be taken during this time.
    ▪ Any posters left after take-down will be discarded.
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SCORING

- You may view the scoring sheet by clicking here.

AWARDS

- There will be a First ($1,000), Second ($750), and Third ($500) place for each category (graduate and undergraduate). The funds will be sent to the presenter either via check or direct deposit after the competition.