



Student Poster Session and Competition

New for this year, the *2024 Ohio Space Forum* will include a *Student Poster Session* to provide Ohio college and university students an opportunity to showcase their aerospace-related research and academic projects and to network with conference attendees. An exciting component of the poster session will be a *Best Poster Competition*. Presenters and their posters will be evaluated by a panel of distinguished judges during designated poster sessions. Award winners will be presented with a certificate during the last session of the forum.

Who can participate?

College and university sponsors of the Ohio Space Forum will be able to select five students to participate in the poster session. Students may be pursuing any degree pathway (technical and associate degrees through PhD) and must be enrolled at the sponsoring institution during the Spring 2024 term.

How are posters selected?

Each poster should describe aerospace-related science and engineering research or other type of academic pursuit undertaken by the student. The sponsoring institution determines whether the student's poster topic is relevant to and appropriate for this event. Students are permitted and encouraged to present a poster that was prepared for another meeting, if available. A student may be a co-author on multiple posters, but may only serve as the presenting author on one poster.

How can students sign up?

Student participation is determined by and coordinated through the sponsoring organization. Students who are interested in participating should reach out to the organizers at their college or university.

What are participants required to do?

To participate in this event, each presenter will need to do the following:

1. Provide a short abstract describing their poster. This text-only abstract should not exceed 2000 characters and should contain the title of the poster, names, and affiliations of the authors and a brief description of the poster. This must be provided to the organizers at the student's home institution by April 15.

2. Create a poster describing their research or other academic pursuit. Posters may be any conventional conference size. Event organizers will provide an easel and board upon which posters can be mounted.
3. Posters must be set up by noon on Monday, April 29 and should remain displayed for the length of the Ohio Space Forum event. Poster presenters must be present for the judges' review sessions on Tuesday, April 30, and are highly encouraged to remain with their posters for networking sessions as well. Students may leave the presentation area to attend keynote and breakout sessions.

How will the posters be evaluated during the competition?

Winners of the best poster competition will be determined by a panel of distinguished judges who will evaluate each contestant based on two criteria: (1) Quality of the poster, and (2) Effectiveness of the presenter in communicating the contents of the poster. Due to the wide range of topics likely to be covered in the poster sessions, the topic of the poster will not be included in the evaluation criteria. Judges will have access to the poster abstracts prior to the forum.

What are colleges and universities asked to do?

College and university sponsors of the Ohio Space Forum are asked to solicit participants from their student body; select five students to participate in the poster session; compile the list of student presenters and abstracts; submit the list to event organizers by April 15; and coordinate the delivery of student posters to the event location on April 29. Please note that presenter information *must be submitted by an authorized representative* of the college or university. Students should not submit their information directly. Please email Lauren Biddlecombe at lmd25@case.edu to receive the link for presenter and abstract submission.

Questions?

Any questions regarding the student poster session can be directed to Christian Zorman, Professor and Associate Dean, Case School of Engineering, CWRU by e-mail at: caz@case.edu or by phone at: (216) 368-6117.