



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

School of Public Health

SPH Public Health Week Student Research Poster Symposium & Contest

CALL FOR SPH STUDENT POSTERS 2022

In honor of Public Health Week 2022, SPH is hosting the **17th Annual Dr. Jean Brender Delta Omega Student Research Poster Symposium and Contest April 4th - April 10th, 2022** in the SPH Lobby. The poster symposium provides an opportunity to showcase the research, outreach, and practice activities of SPH Graduate and Undergraduate students.

- **The top three student research posters at the Graduate and Undergraduate levels in the research poster contest will receive awards**
- **The top two student research posters entries at the Graduate and Undergraduate levels will also be invited to compete for slots in the Annual Delta Omega Student Poster Session** during APHA's Annual Conference to be held in Boston, Nov 6th - 9th, 2022.

Appropriate topics for student posters include a range of on-going SPH activities including:

- Research
- Outreach
- Practice

Students should consult with their faculty advisors regarding the content of abstracts and posters.

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

To enter a poster for display, students should complete the Abstract Entry form at tx.ag/nphw2022

A **Poster “How-To” Workshop** will be held in February. This session is provided by an SPH Faculty member to offer guidance in preparing and presenting posters. Example posters will be provided.

Contest Eligibility: A current SPH student must be the lead author for their poster to be judged for the competition. All posters submitted for the contest must be current (created after April 2021) and must have appropriate IRB or IACUC clearance. Posters based on class or practicum projects without IRB clearance are eligible for display in the symposium, but are not eligible for the contest or awards.

2022 SPH Annual Student Poster Symposium & Contest Dates:

Date and Time	Activity
February TBD	Poster Workshop, SPH Classroom Building
February 28, 11:59 PM	Abstracts are due
March 4 by 5PM	Notices of Acceptance sent out to applicants
March 18, by 12 PM	Deadline for students to send posters to SPH Communications for Printing
April 1, 5PM	Deadline to receive media release form, posters and video presentations.
April 6, 5PM – 6:30PM	Poster open house (Attendance is optional); Business casual attire.
April 7, by 5 PM	Top 3 students (at graduate and undergraduate levels) are notified of placement in contest
April 8, 11:30 AM	Awards Ceremony Location SPH Administration Building Lobby
April 11, 12 PM	Posters must be removed

SPH STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER GUIDELINES

Poster Setup Deadlines: Friday, April 1st from 9AM to 4PM, **location to be announced** (push pins and board assignments will be provided). Posters will remain on display throughout Public Health Week. Participants should remove their posters on Monday April 11th before noon. *Students unable to set up or remove your poster must notify Darin Garrett (dgarrett@tamu.edu) and the Office of Research to set up/remove/store the poster as requested by Friday, April 1.* **Posters not set up and on display by 10AM on Monday, April 4th will be ineligible for the contest or related awards. SPH reserves the right to request edits or remove any posters that do not conform to professional poster standards.**

Oral Poster Presentation: Participants are **required** to provide a 3-5 minute overview of their project. Attire is business casual. **This presentation is part of the overall scoring criteria and attendance is mandatory for students entering the research poster contest.**

Judging: Posters will be judged by members of the SPH Research Committee and/or other SPH Faculty beginning Monday, April 4th at 12 PM through Thursday April 7th 12PM. First, second, and third place winners at the Graduate and Undergraduate levels will be notified in advance to request their attendance at the award event along with advisors, respective Department Head, and collaborators. Photographs of the awardees will be posted on the SPH website.

NOTE TO UNDERGRADUATES. Please discuss the specific content/required elements with your Research Faculty Advisor.

General Guidance:

The SPH Annual Student Poster Symposium and Contest is a professional event requiring adherence to generally accepted poster and presentation standards. Posters that do not conform to the guidelines included herein as well as generally accepted poster and professional presentation standards including standards of conduct may at any time, at the organizers discretion, be pulled from the final presentation roster and denied inclusion in the event.

Display Board: Posters will be displayed on the stand-alone bulletin boards (provided by SPH). The board dimensions are 69 inches wide X 58 inches long.

Poster Size: The standard poster size is approximately 40 inches wide x 56 inches long (this is the standard size printed by HSC graphics). Examples of professionally printed posters are available at <http://SPH.tamhsc.edu/communications/templates.html>

Poster Printing: Poster printing services are available through the SPH Communications Department at the poster request form completed at <http://tx.ag/poster>. Questions regarding pricing for poster printing can be directed to Darin Garrett at dgarrett@tamu.edu. **Posters must be submitted by March 18th for printing at SPH.**

Font and Style: Use simple to read fonts such as Ariel, Helvetica, Geneva, or Times Roman. Check to ensure the number of decimal places is reasonable for numbers. Be consistent throughout poster presentation.

Title: The banner across top should include the title, author(s), and affiliations. The title should be readable from 10-15 feet away. Letters in title should be 84 to 86 point font; authors and affiliations can use smaller font sizes. SPH and TAMU seals are recommended for inclusion in the banner and are available for download through the communications website.

Other (style/content): An example is provided on page 3 of the standard poster format. Use bulleted lists or short phrases. Left justify text. Avoid jargon. Support text with photos, tables, or figures. Use of Color: Use of color is encouraged but overuse can be distracting. Be consistent in use of color. Photos/Images: Use light backgrounds with darker photos and dark backgrounds with lighter photos. Any posters that do not conform to standard poster standards may be denied participation in the event.

EXAMPLE:*

