



Attention Student Presenters

In order to participate in the student competition for oral/poster presentations and be eligible for the student registration rate, you must provide proper student identification including a Full Time Status Confirmation Form with the signature of your major professor as well as a photocopy of your student ID card **no later than June 30, 2021**.

You can find detailed instructions and the **required student full time status confirmation form on the [conference website](#).*

Limited Supply of AWRA Complimentary Hotel Rooms

A **limited** number of AWRA-sponsored, complimentary hotel rooms for the Perdido Beach Resort (for the evenings of Wednesday 9/8 and Thursday 9/9 only) will be provided on a first come, first-served basis to **student presenters** who have completed **all** of the following:

1. Have submitted all the required student documents (full-time student status form AND photocopy of student ID)
2. Have confirmed their presentation via the Qualtrics survey form provided in their abstract acceptance email
3. Have registered for the 2021 ALWRC
4. Are comfortable having 1 roommate in their complimentary room (*roommates will be assigned unless a roommate is requested via email by both parties*)

Note: student oral presenters will be given priority for these complimentary rooms.

Poster Presenters

Poster Set-Up

You may store your poster at the conference registration desk starting at **12 noon on Thursday, Sept. 9th**.

Poster Presenters are responsible for hanging their own posters on Thursday afternoon, between **5-5:30 pm prior to the *Poster Session/Social Hour* that begins at 5:30 pm**. Velcro tabs will be provided by the Conference staff and must be used to hang the posters.

Poster Presentations will be held from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm during the Social Hour. **Be prepared to stand with your poster from at least 5:30pm - 6:15pm to answer questions.**

General Poster Guidelines

- The poster should be no larger than 4 feet by 6 feet

- The following are acceptable poster materials: foam board, poster board, or mat board. A "backboard" is not required; however, if you do not use foam board, laminating the poster is highly recommended
- Velcro material will be provided for hanging posters on walls
- The poster should be readable from about 3 feet away; therefore, larger fonts are recommended. Consider using short lists rather than long paragraphs

Poster Removal

Presenters must remove posters from the session room immediately following the *Poster Presentation Session*, which will end promptly at 7:00 pm.

Additional Student Poster Competition Information:

In order to be eligible for awards, students must include their name, college or university, phone number, and email address in the abstract submission.

Student Posters will be exhibited and judged during the *Social Hour & Poster Presentation Session* on Thursday, September 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm. **Posters that are not hung by 5:30pm will be disqualified from the competition.**

Judging Criteria for Student Poster Presentations:

- Efficient use of allotted time or space
- Presenter's knowledge, logic, and understandability of subject presented
- Significance and originality of material presented
- Presentation style and effectiveness as communicator
- Quality of responses to questions
- Overall quality of student's presentation

Oral Presenters

Judging Criteria for Student Oral Presentations:

- Efficient use of allotted time
- Presenter's knowledge, logic, and understandability of subject presented
- Significance and originality of material presented
- Presentation style and effectiveness as communicator
- Quality of responses to questions
- Overall quality of student's presentation

Student Competition Awards

Awards for the Best Student Oral Presentations and Best Student Poster Presentations are as follows: 1st (\$400), 2nd (\$300), and 3rd place (\$200). ***If possible, the Conference Planning Committee hopes to announce Student winners just prior to the Friday (9/10/21) keynote address on the final day of the 2021 ALWRC.***

Thank you for your submission and we look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Sincerely,

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