

Call for Abstracts

The Texas Medical Center (TMC) Student Poster Session at Medical World Americas

The organizers of Medical World Americas, in partnership with the Texas Medical Center, invite all interested students to submit an original abstract for consideration for the TMC Student Poster Session at the Medical World Americas Conference and Expo (www.medicalworldamericas.com). This year's conference theme is "Innovate: Transforming Health Through Disruption and Discovery".

The poster session offers the opportunity for students to display and discuss their work with leaders in the medical, business, and innovation communities on:

Thursday, May 19
11:30 AM – 4:30 PM
George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall B
1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010

Poster abstracts must be submitted to POSTER@medicalworldamericas.com by **Thursday, April 14, 2016** and those invited to participate will be notified by Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – only one abstract per person or team will be accepted (see following rules for details).

Poster Session Agenda

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Arrival and set up posters
11:00 AM	Posters must be in place
11:30 AM	Poster Session opens
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Students display their posters and answer questions for judges and Medical World Americas attendees – no formal presentations at this time
1:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Students may attend Medical World Americas sessions complimentary
4:30 PM	Poster session resumes -TMC Student Networking Reception begins
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Judges announce the 10 finalists who are invited to make presentations
5:30 PM	Finalists have 3 minutes to present their poster and answer questions
7:00 PM	Audience will vote for their favorite poster
	Winners announced
	Student Networking Session concludes

Guidelines

- The TMC Poster Session is open to all current students in the Texas Medical Center institutions.
- Submissions may be from individual or a team leader on behalf of their team.
- Only one (1) abstract may be submitted per author (individual or team leader) for approval.
- For team submissions, a team leader must be designated as the author. The Team Leader will present the poster should it qualify as a finalist.
- Students may serve on more than one team; however, no student may lead more than one team.
- Students are expected to submit an abstract of their original work.
- Abstracts and posters may be submitted that have been presented at another events.
- Students will be provided with an area on which they can display their poster and materials to hang the poster – posters must be removed by 7:00 PM May 19, 2016.
- No additional displays, outside of posters, will be permitted on site.
 - o There will be no power outlets or wired internet connections available for poster session participants to use on site

Abstract Submission and Formatting:

All poster abstracts must be submitted to POSTER@medicalworldamericas.com by the abstract deadline: Midnight **Thursday, April 14**. Space for posters is limited, and while we will make every effort to accommodate all interested parties, we advise you to submit each abstract well before the deadline.

All abstracts must include contact information for submitting author or team leader, on behalf of the entire team. The individual or team captain must include their:

1. Name
2. Email address
3. Phone number
4. School/program
5. Team member names – if applicable.

The abstract text **should not exceed 500 words** (not including the title and author information).

Titles should be brief and clearly indicate the abstract's content. Capitalize the first letter of each word, except prepositions. No abbreviations should be used in the title.

In the abstract body, special or unusual abbreviations should be placed in parentheses after the full word appears the first time. Arabic numerals should be used to indicate numbers, except when used in the beginning of a paragraph. Generic names of drugs should be used.

Accepted abstracts may be posted on the conference website. Abstracts should be carefully reviewed prior to submission. Changes to abstracts will not be accepted after the online submission. Only the abstract's submitting author will receive correspondence via e-mail from MWA.

Original research abstracts should include the following:

Purpose – a brief statement explaining why the research was conducted, preferably limited to one sentence

Methodology – materials, methodology and any analytical procedures applied, preferably limited to two sentences

Results – should be presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions

Conclusions – the authors’ opinion about the meaning of the study –Abstracts submitted without final conclusions or results will not be accepted.

Submitted abstracts are expected to broadly relate to the conference theme, “Innovate: Transforming Health Through Disruption and Discovery”. Topics at the conference will include:

- i. Genomics
- ii. Regenerative Medicine
- iii. Innovation
- iv. Digital Health
- v. Medical Devices
- vi. Health Policy
- vii. Ethics
- viii. Interdisciplinary Care
- ix. Innovations in Diabetes, Heart Disease, Stroke, Alzheimer’s Disease, Kidney Disease, or Cancer

Abstract Acknowledgement

After you have successfully completed the submission application, the author or team leader on behalf of the team, will receive an e-mail notification confirming receipt of your abstract.

Notification

Those invited to participate in the poster session will be notified by **April 27, 2016**. The submitting author will be notified via e-mail of the final results. Authors of accepted abstracts are required to make their own travel arrangements to be available to display their poster at the Conference during the specified time.

Poster Presentation Preparation

When preparing posters, please note that your poster should not exceed the following dimensions: 80 inches wide by 45 inches high.

Attendance Policy

Authors of accepted abstracts for presentation are expected to be present with their posters on Wednesday, May 19, 2016 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the George R. Brown convention center, Hall B and again at 4:30 PM for the announcement of the finalists. Students are not required to be in attendance from 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM while judges deliberate. They are invited to attend the MWA conference. The presentation lineup will be provided once the finalists are announced at 4:30 PM. Presenters are asked to display their poster in the expo hall of the Medical World Americas conference from 11:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Posters must be removed by 7:30 PM.

Poster Session Guests

Students who are selected to present their poster will receive complimentary admission to the full MWA conference, as well as admissions for up to six (6) additional guests. You must register your attendance at MWA in order to participate in the poster session. Instructions will be provided with acceptance notification.

Admission to the poster session is complimentary with advance “expo only” registration available at www.medicalworldamericas.com. More information about how to register for yourself and your guests will be included in your participant notification email.

Judging and Prizes

Poster presentations will be judged by a panel comprised of Texas Medical Center leaders and selected Medical World Americas faculty and Executive Committee members with **cash prizes awarded by the TMC** for First, Second and Third Place, as well as a special prize for **Audience Favorite**.

The prizes are:

First Place Prize – \$1200.00
Second Place Prize – \$750.00
Third Place Prize – \$500.00
Audience Favorite - \$100.00

Important dates and deadlines:

Thursday, April 14, 2016 – Abstract Submission Deadline – submit to POSTER@medicalworldamericas.com

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – Invitations to display/present sent to poster presenters

Thursday, May 19, 2016 – Poster Session at the George R Brown Convention Center