



Poster Presentation Guidelines 2026

Overview:

Poster sessions at MARC are in a free communication format; posters will be on display to allow attendees to review posters and discuss with presenters. This year there will be three poster sessions. Each poster session will include a 1 hour open viewing period followed by a 1 hour presentation period where the first author is expected to be at their poster. All posters should be posted at their assigned board at the start of the open viewing period. The assigned poster number will be listed in the conference program. Posters should be taken down immediately at the end of the presentation period.

Poster sessions:

TO BE DETERMINED.

Preparing for your presentation:

- The display boards are 40 in height x 60 inches wide.
- You should design and print your poster so that the font/graphics are readable but do not extend beyond the dimensions of the display board.
- All presenters must bring a printed copy of their poster to display on the display board.
- Pushpins to hang your poster will be available at the poster session.
- Check the program to confirm which session your presentation will take place in, and your board number.

Poster design instructions:

- Information should be arranged in a logical manner so that a story is told without your presence. For tips on poster design try [BIORENDER](#).
- Emphasize important points without an overabundance of detail.
- Include the following sections:
 - **ABSTRACT**-include the abstract submitted to MARC in the upper left corner of your poster.
 - **INTRODUCTION** - briefly summarize the background that led to your research, clearly identify the purpose, and identify research questions and/or hypotheses tested.

- **METHODS**-describe the experimental design employed to collect data, including number and necessary demographics of the human or animal subjects studied.
- **RESULTS**-presented by table, figure, illustration and/or photograph. Each graphic should stand on its own, so the viewer doesn't have to refer elsewhere for interpretation.
- **CONCLUSION**-describe the major findings from your work and their meaning to the field
- **ACKNOWLEDGMENT (if applicable)**- identify funding source(s), institutional support, individuals who have contributed significantly but who are not listed as authors, etc.
- Other helpful tips:
 - The title, author(s) and institution are to be prominently displayed across the top border with lettering height between 1 and 2 inches (2.5 to 5.0 cm).
 - Use large and dark lettering throughout (such as calibri 18-point font style).
 - Use strong visual contrast. Consider color combinations/backgrounds.
 - Bring extra copies of your abstract or QR codes linking to your work for attendees who wish to follow up later.

During the poster session:

- Please arrive to your presentation session 5-10 minutes before the start time.
- Presentation etiquette dictates that all presenters in the session remain by their posters. Please do not leave the room before the block session has concluded.
- If you are a doctoral, master's, or undergraduate student your poster will be judged by reviewers during the presentation session unless you opted out of this when you submitted your abstract. The judges/reviewers may not introduce themselves and could judge your poster while you are presenting to others or a group. There is no blocked time for judging.
- All presenters must remove their posters at the conclusion of the presentation session. MARC is not responsible for lost or damaged posters.

Please email MARC Research Committee Chairs Evan Matthews, PhD (matthewse@montclair.edu) or Brandon Roberts (robertsb21@gmail.com) with any questions/concerns prior to your presentation.