

STUDENT PAPER AND POSTER CONTEST. The Student Paper and Poster Contest at the Western Society of Weed Science Annual Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, ID, offers students an opportunity to improve their presentation skills and increase their visibility within the Society. The top students in each division of the contest will be recognized with a plaque and receive a cash award to honor their achievement.

All graduate students at the time of the annual meeting are encouraged to enter one paper and/or one poster in the contest. Undergraduate students may enter one poster in the contest. Other papers or posters may be submitted in the project sessions outside the context of the contest. Information presented in the WSWS Student Paper and Poster Contest is to be original and unique. If a topic has been used by the author in another presentation, additional data must be included to constitute a unique presentation.

Please refer to the Call for Papers for abstract and submission instructions. Oral papers should be 12 to 13 minutes of presentation with 2 to 3 minutes to answer questions. Poster size is limited to 48 inches by 48 inches. The following criteria and point allocation are guidelines and might be slightly revised by the judging committee before the meeting. Notification will be sent if modification occurs.

Paper Contest ^a	Points	Criteria
Abstract	10	Format, grammar, and content
Introduction	10	Rationale, hypothesis, and objectives
Methods	15	Experimental design, treatments, measurements, and statistical analysis
Results and Discussion	25	Results, interpretation, conclusions, future directions, and implications
Visual Aids	15	Easily read; uncluttered; in focus; balance of text, tables, figures, and photographs
Oration	20	Voice, confidence, enthusiasm, enunciation, and response to questions
Time	5	Allowed 2 to 4 minutes for questions (all-or-nothing points)
Total	100	

^a Previous first place winners in the paper contest are ineligible for the paper contest, but may enter the poster contest.

Poster Contest ^b	Points	Criteria
Abstract	10	Format, grammar, and content
Content and Mechanics	15	Grammar, style, and quantity of information
Development	20	Rationale, hypothesis, objectives, organization, and methods
Analysis of Results	20	Results, interpretation, conclusions, future directions, and implications
Appearance	20	Easily read, uncluttered, well-designed tables and figures, clear and relevant photographs, and balanced layout
Oration	10	Voice, confidence, enthusiasm, enunciation, and response to questions
Physical Presence	5	Interaction with audience and mannerisms
Total	100	

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The student papers and posters have traditionally set the standard for excellence at WSWS annual meetings. Do your part to maintain these high standards by preparing exceptional scientific papers and posters for this year's meeting in Coeur d'Alene, ID.