



HTCC Poster Presentations

Poster presentations are simply displays on poster boards—but they reflect serious research. You can obtain poster boards at an office- or art-supply store. You can use a straight poster with no sides, or a more happening two- or three-paneled one. We recommend that poster boards be about 3' or 4' high by 4' wide, or 4' high by 3' wide; however, you may use any size or shape that you find beautiful and suitable for your controlling idea—and able to be mounted on a three-legged easel. But do keep it manageable. Remember, you'll need to load your poster into a car, then carry it up to the Social Sciences Plaza! And be sure to use material and glue strong enough that your masterpiece can withstand those rascally gusts of wind that so delight in knocking down posters.

Alongside juniors and seniors from Said Shokair's UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program), you'll be displaying your posters in the Social Sciences Plaza, on easels kindly provided for you by Jim Waldron. The person(s) judging your posters will include a UCI official conversant with the following *minimum* requirements (borrowed or adapted from the UROP conference website) who will expect you to:

- **Create a poster that is readable from at least three feet away.**
- **Place your presentation title at the top, at least two inches high. Below it neatly place your name and major, faculty mentor and college—at least one inch high and clearly discernible.**
- **Present enough data to be informative, reflecting a high degree of scholarship within the limited space. That is, after all, your purpose: to impart information and insights.**

In addition, your posters should:

- **Be visually arresting, with well-chosen graphics and a clean layout with enough white space for eye appeal. Label or describe any charts, tables, figures, graphs or photos you use.**
- **Be self-explanatory, with a logical flow of ideas and images, so that a viewer can follow your train of thought when you are not there to explain it.**
- **Contain neat lettering and concise phrasing, with error-free spelling.**

For a fuller treatment of standards and suggestions, be sure to study the website below:

http://www.urop.uci.edu/symposium/symposium_faq.html. Gives UCI requirements for posters—the ones to be used in judging yours. For more guidelines and useful tips about making posters, scroll to "What are the requirements for posters?," then click on Symposium Guidelines. *Don't miss them!*

You can find additional suggestions on these helpful websites:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/IndexStart.html>. Outlines steps for "Creating Effective Poster Preparations"—a useful overview of the process. See item 8 for sample posters.

http://www.hbv2003.slu.edu/poster_links.html. Contains different links with suggestions for various subjects and aspects of poster making. See aspb.org for "how to make a great poster," and strath.ac.uk for various layouts, including samples of design flaws and one award-winner.

From 9:00 to 9:40 a.m., be on hand to discuss your research and answer admiring questions. At 9:45 we will begin our first general meeting, in SSLH 100. So arrive on the plaza early enough (about 8:40) to register, set up, greet friends and grab a bite to eat. You won't want to be late for the opening plenary: it will provide you with useful information, and we plan to move at a brisk pace. See you then!