

2025 GSG Poster Symposium Competition Frequently Asked Questions

How much can I win? And how will the prize money be disbursed?

1st Place - \$750

2nd Place - \$500

3rd Place - \$250

As with most financial aid, awards, and scholarships at NAU, the prize money will be transferred to your Louie account after the event. If you will be graduating in spring 2023, prize money will be used to pay off your outstanding balance in Louie and then released to you after your balance in Louie is \$0. Please contact Financial Aid for more details.

What format will the GSG Poster Symposium be held in?

The Symposium will be in person on the Flagstaff Mountain Campus, at the Drury Inn & Suites Meeting Rooms, on **Friday, April 25 2025** from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

What visual aids will I need to provide for my presentation?

You will use your poster as a reference during your presentations at the symposium.

Can I make changes to my poster after submitting it but before I present it?

We encourage you to not change your poster after you submitted it for evaluation as this may cause confusion among the judges. However, you are welcome to mention new findings during your presentation if you make additional progress in your research project.

What are the requirements for the poster formatting?

Posters should be no larger than 36 inches x 46 inches. Tools and poster templates are available here: <https://libraryguides.nau.edu/AuthorTools/CreatingPosters>

How do the judges score the posters?

Here is a link to the criteria that judges will be using to score the posters: <https://nau.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/Spring-2025-Poster-Symposium-Scoring-Criteria-1.pdf>. This will help you to make sure your poster includes all pertinent information.

What resources can I use to print my poster to be displayed at the Symposium?

You may print your poster at any specialized printing place such as Staples, Office Depot, etc. NAU is offering printing services as well - for more information, please see <https://in.nau.edu/printing-services>

What makes a good poster?

We suggest that you consult with your co-authors and faculty advisor when working on and finalizing your poster. Generally, the characteristics of a good poster are the following:

- The important/highlighted information should be readable from 10 feet away
- The title is short and draws interest
- There are between 300-800 words on the poster (less is usually better)
- There are headlines, bullet points, graphs, and other visuals to make the poster easy to read and follow by the audience
- All the author's names, institutional affiliations, and acknowledgments are included