

TIDC ANNUAL STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

I. INTRODUCTION

The 2020 Student Poster Competition will be held in October of 2020. The competition is designed to recognize excellence in student research and improve the visibility of student research efforts in transportation related fields. It is our intent to share posters and abstracts submitted to this competition through our website and social media channels. The competition will be held virtually for families, friends, researchers, professors, transportation professions (i.e. State DOT employees), and all other interested parties to view on our website and social media platforms for a set number of days in October (dates are still TBD). Audience members will be able to vote for their favorite posters and presentations. The contest will conclude with a virtual award ceremony at the end of October.

ALL TIDC-funded Graduate students are required to submit a poster and an abstract. All undergraduate students currently active in TIDC research projects are also invited to participate. Participants must serve as the sole author of their poster and abstract. If students are eligible and choose to participate in the TIDC Outstanding Student of the Year Award selection process, this submission will be included in the review packet for that award.

II. ELIGIBILITY

All active TIDC students are eligible to submit entries into the Student Poster Contest. As mentioned above, Graduate students receiving funding from TIDC are **REQUIRED** to submit an entry.

III. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to submit the following for the TIDC Annual Student Poster Contest:

1. A poster (48" x 36") using the provide template in PowerPoint Slide (.ppt) format.
2. A 250-word abstract using the provided template in Word (.doc) format.
3. A video presentation describing the research elements on your poster in .mp4 format. The video is used to replace the in person interactions that would have taken place at the in-person format and should not exceed 10 minutes in length.
4. The Student Information Sheet template in Word (.doc) format.
5. Student Headshot in .jpg format.

IV. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students must submit all requirements list in Section III to tidc@maine.edu by Friday, September 25, 2020.

V. JUDGING PROCEDURE

All entries will be evaluated by a committee of judges and will be scored on a 100-point scale:

1. A total of 50 points can be awarded for scientific merit and broader impacts (newness, breadth of interest, potential impact of the research including commercialization or addressing a societal challenge).
2. A total of 25 points can be awarded for organization and visual quality of poster.
3. A total of 25 points can be award for the quality of the video presentation.

VI. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions to tidc@maine.edu.