TIDC ANNUAL STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

I.   INTRODUCTION

TIDC is pleased to announce that submissions for the 2021 Student Poster Competition are now being accepted. 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, abstracts, and videos 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 during the first 2 weeks in November. Audience members will be able to vote for their favorite posters and presentations. The contest will conclude with a virtual award ceremony and recognition night on December 1.

ALL TIDC-funded Graduate students are required to submit a poster and an abstract. Graduate Students actively working on TIDC research projects who are supported through other funding methods are encouraged, but not required, to participate. All undergraduate students currently active in TIDC research projects are also invited to participate. Students must be the authors on the Posters.

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 Thursday, October 28, 2021.

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.

The top three scoring students will be awarded certificates at the Student Recognition Night on December 1st. Additionally Certificates for the top three fan favorite presentations will be awarded. Special recognition will be given to the top scoring undergraduate student.

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VI. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions to tidc@maine.edu.

VII. TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATIONS

To help you have successful presentations, we recommend you implement the following items while recording:

1. Show the sections of your poster you are explaining in the video.
2. Make sure your video thumbnail is visible during your presentation and does not block the portions of the poster you are discussing.
3. Use a microphone in a quiet room when recording the audio of your video.
4. Write a script and practice your presentation.
5. Watch your final video before submission to ensure the sound and video quality are acceptable.
6. Ask for help. If you need help recording your video, please contact tidc@maine.edu and we will be happy to set up a time to meet with you to record your presentation.

Remember, the goal of the Student Poster Contest is to provide you with experience presenting and with feedback to help you with your future profession. You are presenting to a friendly audience. Good Luck! Enjoy!