

2011 OK EPSCoR ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE HYBRID ORAL/POSTER PRESENTATION COMPETITION RULES & INFORMATION

Undergraduate and graduate students who are performing research that is funded under the current OK EPSCoR RII award are invited to participate in a hybrid poster/ oral presentation competition that will be held during the Annual State Conference. The competition is divided into three categories, based on the EPSCoR RII Award's bioenergy research areas: feedstock development, microbial conversion and chemical conversion. A maximum of 15 students will be accepted for each category.

The competition begins at 1:30 p.m. on April 21st with oral presentations. Each participant will be given a maximum of three minutes to provide a clear and engaging overview of their poster. The 3-minute presentation should be supported by a maximum of five PowerPoint slides. A PowerPoint template, which must be followed explicitly, will be provided to participants via email after they have submitted their abstracts and abstract forms to Gina Miller at gmliller@okepscor.org. All participants must use the provided template and are not to exceed the 5-slide limit; animation is not allowed. Any variance from these guidelines will disqualify the participant. The final aspect of the competition is a judged, scientific poster session. Maximum poster dimensions: 40" x 36". Larger posters will not be accepted.

First and second place winners from each of the three categories will be awarded distinguished plaques. First place winners will receive travel funding to attend the 2011 NSF EPSCoR National Conference on October 24-27 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where they will present their winning posters. Students must participate in both the oral presentation and poster session to qualify for an award.

Please review the following hybrid competition rules and guidelines:

- Participants must be undergraduate or graduate students only
- Students must be presenting posters based on research they performed under the current OK EPSCoR RII Award's funding
- Students must participate in both the oral and poster presentation sessions
- Theme area must be indicated on students' abstract submission forms, along with an indication that they wish to participate in the competition. Theme area ***must be*** one of the following: Feedstock Development, Microbial Conversion or Chemical Conversion
- Maximum of 15 students per theme area

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- Online registration and abstract submission deadline for the competition is April 5, 2011(or when full)
- Maximum poster dimensions: 40" x 36". Larger posters will not be accepted.
- Students who indicate on their submitted abstract forms that they wish to participate in the hybrid poster/oral presentation competition will be sent a mandatory-use PowerPoint template via email after their registration and abstracts are received.
- Students will be given a maximum of three minutes each for their oral presentations, which should be designed to provide an overview of the research poster that they will present during the subsequent judged poster session
- PowerPoint presentation submission deadline is April 14, 2011. If slides are not provided by that date, the student may not participate in the competition.
- No changes or updates may be made to slides after they are submitted
- Flash drives ***will not*** be allowed. EPSCoR will have students' slides uploaded to the site computer for the presentations.
- Students must use the provided 5-slide PowerPoint template and not vary from that format (this includes the addition of animation, which is not allowed). Any variance from the provided slide template or the use of more than five slides will disqualify the participant.
- Information provided in the slides must include: title, objectives, methods, results and conclusions, per the provided slides
- Presentations developed on Mac computers are not supported by the site's projectors, so PCs only may be used.

Brief outline for participating in the hybrid poster/oral presentation competition:

1. Access the poster session form online at www.okepscor.org.
2. Submit your completed form, along with your abstract, to gmillier@okepscor.org in MS Word format prior to the April 5 deadline.
3. Be sure to indicate your research category and your commitment to participate in the competition on your completed poster session form. Fill the form out completely.
4. Carefully review the competition rules, which are outlined on the poster session/abstract form.

5. After submitting both your abstract and poster session form, you will receive (via email) the required oral presentation slide template.
6. Register for the conference online via the link at the bottom of this page by April 14. **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE **ONLINE** at www.okepscor.org IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT AND POSTER SESSION FORM **VIA EMAIL.****
7. Submit your presentation slides, per the rules and provided template, to Gina Miller at gmillers@okepscor.org no later than April 14. (Late submissions or presentations outside of the approved template and slide count will not be accepted.)