

# 2025 S-STEM Scholars Meeting

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Scholar Posters

#### How do I submit a poster abstract?

Read and follow the instructions in the [poster abstract submission guidelines](#), then complete the form, found [here](#). The deadline to submit a poster abstract is **September 2, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

#### Can I submit a poster abstract on-site?

No. There is not an option for on-site poster abstract submission. Since we need to assign presentation times and spaces for all poster presenters you must submit your poster abstract by the September 2 deadline. **If you do not submit an abstract and just show up to the meeting with a poster, we will not be able to assign you a time or space.**

#### Do I need to print my poster before traveling to the meeting?

Yes. **Scholars are responsible for printing and bringing their posters with them to the meeting.** Please seek help from your faculty advisor/mentor about printing and traveling with your poster. On-site printing is not available. Also, it is not possible to present a digital poster at the meeting. Posters may be printed on paper or fabric. Most people bring their paper posters in cardboard tubes; you may be able to find one of these on your campus, at a print shop, or online.

#### What kinds of projects are accepted in the call for poster abstracts?

We welcome scholars to submit traditional STEM research poster abstracts as well as abstracts of work from broader STEM-focused topics (such as engineering design, STEM education, STEAM-focused work, etc.), and work with broader project scopes (such as applied research, action research, fieldwork, community-based projects, etc.). Please consult your faculty advisor/mentor when developing your abstract and poster.

#### How many poster abstracts can I submit?

Submissions are limited to one abstract per scholar.

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### How many poster abstracts will be accepted?

We will look to accommodate as many submissions as possible within our reserved space.

### When will I be notified if my poster has been accepted?

Selection notifications about poster abstracts will be sent out on a rolling basis.

### Can I co-present a poster with a scholar who is also attending the meeting?

Yes, we welcome scholars to co-present posters on work they did together. **In this case, use the submission form only once for your abstract.** Correspondence about the poster will be sent to the email address of the submitter only. We ask that submitters send along emails and information they receive to their co-presenter(s).

### Is there a template I should use for my poster?

No, there is not a specific template required for posters. Scholars are free to design their posters in ways that work best for presenting their project work. Please seek help from your faculty advisor/mentor about creating your poster. Also, the recording and slide deck from this [virtual workshop](#) on tips for creating engaging and informative poster presentations may be helpful for you.

### What size should my poster be?

Your poster should be no larger than **4 feet by 4 feet** (i.e., the length is no more than 4 feet, and the width is no wider than 4 feet). If it is larger, your poster will obstruct another scholar's poster. Out of courtesy, this is something that you don't want to do since you wouldn't want someone else's poster covering up part of yours.

### When will I present my poster, and where?

You will be assigned a specific 60-minute time slot and numbered space to present your poster. Presentation schedules will be posted in the Whova meeting app in September.

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### How do I display my poster? Do I need to take it down too?

Scholars are responsible for hanging up and taking down their posters. Poster boards and push pins will be provided for you to hang your poster in your assigned space on your assigned presentation day. Poster board spaces will be labeled. Staff on-site can assist you in locating your assigned poster space if you are having trouble doing so. There will be poster presentations on October 2 and October 3. If you are presenting on October 2, you will be responsible for hanging up your poster by 7:00 p.m. PT and taking it down by 9:15 p.m. PT that day. If you are presenting on October 3, you will be responsible for hanging up your poster by 1:15 p.m. PT and taking it down by 4:45 p.m. PT that day. If you do not take your poster down, we will assume that you do not want it, and we will discard it.

### I need to edit my abstract. How do I do so?

AAAS staff are unable to make changes to submitted abstracts. Please do not email AAAS staff with your abstract changes. Instead, please edit the abstract yourself once it has been posted in the Whova meeting app in September.

### Can I share a PDF of my poster in the meeting app?

Yes. If you would like to do so, you can upload a PDF of your poster in the Whova meeting app.

### Can I cite my poster presentation at this meeting in my resume or CV?

Yes. You are welcome to include a citation of your poster presentation in your resume or CV. Here is an example citation in APA format (other formats can be found online):

Jackson, N., & Smith, J. (2025, October 2-4). *Support for the inverse of Bergmann's rule in Slevin's bunchgrass lizard* [Poster presentation]. 2025 S-STEM Scholars Meeting, San Diego, CA, United States.

### My poster abstract was accepted but it turns out that I won't be able to present it. How do I cancel my poster?

Please send an email to [ssteminitiative@aaas.org](mailto:ssteminitiative@aaas.org) as soon as possible to inform us that you are cancelling your poster presentation. This will allow us to re-assign your time slot and space to another scholar.