

# Student Poster Competition Guidelines and Procedures

2009 International Conference on Nanotechnology for the Forest Products Industry

## Purpose:

- 1) Encourage student attendance at the meeting
- 2) Recognize excellence in student research
- 3) Improve the visibility of student research efforts
- 4) Highlight connections between research and industrial applications

## Eligibility:

All undergraduate and graduate students attending the conference are encouraged to apply. There should be no coauthors on the poster; however, faculty advisors and funding agencies should be identified in the poster display. Poster must be in any area/aspect of nanotechnology and renewable materials.

## Awards:

The top poster will be awarded \$300, second place \$200, and third place \$100.

## Application:

Students must submit a completed poster competition application form to Robert Moon, [robertmoon@fs.fed.us](mailto:robertmoon@fs.fed.us), by **June 15, 2009**.

## Judging:

During the poster session a committee of judges will evaluate the poster presentations based on a 100-point scale. Judges with conflict of interest will remove themselves from judging corresponding student posters. Students should prepare for a 2 minute maximum verbal presentation that addresses key aspects of their project. Posters should be written in English.

### ***Judging Criteria and Points:***

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| i. Quality of abstract  | <i>10 points</i> |
| ii. Soundness of research hypothesis                            | <i>10 points</i> |
| iii. Scientific merit (innovation, relevance, potential impact) | <i>20 points</i> |
| iv. Experimental design, execution, and conclusions             | <i>20 points</i> |
| v. Organization, clarity, and visual quality of the poster      | <i>20 points</i> |
| vi. Verbal presentation (2 minutes maximum)                     | <i>10 points</i> |
| vii. Response to questions of judges (~2 minutes)               | <i>10 points</i> |