

Student Poster Competition Guidelines and Procedures

2008 International Conference on Nanotechnology for the Forest Products Industry

Purpose:

- 1) Encourage student attendance at annual meeting
- 2) Recognize excellence in student research
- 3) Improve the visibility of student research efforts.
- 4) Highlight connection 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 both the abstract and poster display. Poster must be in any area/aspect of nanotechnology.

Awards:

The top two posters will be awarded \$500.

Application:

To apply, a student must submit the following materials to the student award sub-committee chair, Robert Moon, robertmoon@fs.fed.us, by **June 20**.

- A student award application form.
- A 250-word maximum abstract, identifying the title, author and affiliation, and contain a single spaced narrative giving the purpose and significance of the research, applicability to industry, and the most important results. Faculty sponsors and funding agencies should also be listed. Only the narrative is to be considered in the 250-word restriction.

Judging:

The abstracts and poster presentations will be evaluated by a committee of 5 judges (the student sub-committee members) based on a 100-point scale. Judges with conflict of interest will remove themselves from judging corresponding student posters.

Submitted Abstract:

- i. Soundness of research hypothesis & industrial applicability *10 points*
- ii. Overall presentation quality *10 points*
(what is the issue, what was the response and what is the impact potential)

Poster Presentation:

- i. Scientific merit *10 points*
(a. significance of research, b. relevance, c. potential impact)
- ii. Experimental design and thoroughness of investigation *10 points*
- iii. Validity of conclusions *10 points*
- iv. Applications:
 - a. Innovativeness *10 points*
 - b. Scalability to industry *10 points*
- iv. Organization and visual quality of presentation *10 points*
- v. Verbal presentation *10 points*
- vi. Response to questions of judges *10 points*