MPD Student Contest Guidelines

Failure to follow the guidelines listed here will result in ineligibility.

Important: students must enter individually; posters must be attributed to a single author.

EXTENDED ABSTRACT FORMAT
Your abstract must be received by the stated submission deadline, no exceptions.

Formatting requirements
- 1 page (including text and graphics); 8.5" x 11" paper size; 0.75" margins.
- 10-point (minimum), Arial or Times font; 1.0 line spacing (minimum).
- Major headings should be in all caps and bolded (e.g., "**INTRODUCTION**"); minor headings (if applicable) should be bolded and italicized (e.g., "***Aims***").
- PDF file format.

Abstract must include
- Title.
- Student author information (name, affiliation, level, email address, mailing address).
- Research advisor information (Name, department, email address, professional mailing address).

Suggested sections
- Introduction (background/context, motivation, and aims of the research).
- Materials and Methods (if applicable).
- Results and Discussion (include any major findings and their implications).
- Conclusions.

POSTER FORMAT
- A poster size of 44" x 35" is suggested, but not required.
- Many helpful guides to poster design have been put forth and can be easily found online, such as this guide by the Cornell Center for Materials Research (http://www.cns.cornell.edu/documents/ScientificPosters.pdf).
- You must hang your poster in the session area at least 15 minutes prior to the judging session (location and time TBA).

ORAL PRESENTATION FORMAT
- Your presentation can be NO MORE THAN 5 minutes; presentations that go over the time limit will be penalized during judging.
- You must prepare slides to accompany your talk; MS PowerPoint is recommended to ensure compatibility with software on the provided computer in the session room.
- You must arrive to the oral presentation session room at least 10 minutes prior to the session start time to ensure your slides are properly loaded onto provided

computer in the room (location and time TBA); you may not use your own computer.