2022 CT-JSHS Requirements for the Virtual Poster Presentation

The virtual poster competition includes three parts:

On Sunday, February 27, 2022, with the poster competition judges:

    1. A 3-minute pitch of you explaining your project and poster

    2. A 4-minute Q & A

On Saturday, March 5, 2022, with the Symposium audience:

    3. An individual presentation (2 minutes), group Q & A (16 minutes) and individual last remarks (1 minute)

Important deadlines for uploading to <mark>**https://forms.gle/9s6UNS4djd8jrKr1A**</mark>

- **Abstract PDF (if updated since registering in the fall): by Monday, February 21, 2022**
  - o See also "CT-JSHS Abstract Preparation" document at h.uconn.edu/ct-jshs
- **Poster PDF: by Monday, February 21, 2022**

Poster Creation

- ❖ If 2022 were to be an in-person year, your poster dimensions would be 36" high x 48" wide. Instead, for this virtual year, you will not be printing it, but you will still create the poster with that same "3 height by 4 width" ratio in mind.
- ❖ Create the poster in PowerPoint.
- ❖ Don't load it with text. (That is, if 2022 were to be an in-person year, you would want it to be viewable from a distance.)
- ❖ The title should be 72-point font. The student's name and region (Connecticut) should be included, and the type size should be 48 points. All other lettering should be in 24-point font size.
- ❖ The poster should be balanced and organized in a logical, sequential order.
- ❖ To keep the amount of text to a minimum, use graphics, tables, charts, and graphs as much as possible to convey information. These graphic elements should be cited on the poster.
- ❖ Photographs and other illustrations may be used. Figures may be in color. All figures should be cited, even if you took the picture.

Poster Pitch and Q & A with Judges (online the Sunday prior to the Symposium)

- ❖ In advance, you will be assigned a 7-minute time slot on Sunday, February 27, 2022, for your project pitch and Q&A.
  - ▪ You will receive a Webex link in advance. Be on time! Dress to impress. Check your lighting to make sure you can be clearly seen. Avoid bright light behind you, which can make you appear in shadow or washed out. Make your background non-distracting, such as a plain wall, a bookcase, etc. Avoid virtual backgrounds, which are very distracting.

- Imagine that you only have these 3 minutes to sell your project to investment bankers. What would you say? Remember to let the poster speak for itself, but take time to explain the why, lessons learned, and your conclusions. Put in your value statement—how your project makes X better.

- Practice your explanation several times before you present on February 27, 2022.

- After your 3-minute pitch, a session moderator will ask for judges' questions. The Q & A period will last for up to 4 minutes.

❖ Judges will view your PDF of your poster sometime prior to your 3-minute pitch. Other participants will have an opportunity to view the PDF of your poster during the week of February 28 through March 5, 2022. It will be taken down following the event.

Presentation and Q & A with the Audience During the Symposium

❖ In advance, you will be assigned to a group for the day of the virtual symposium, March 5, 2022. During one session, you will answer questions from the general audience, who will have been encouraged to view your poster and video prior to this session, during the week of February 28 through March 4. You will be given 2 minutes to do an introduction before taking questions. There will be 2 or 3 poster presenters per 25- minute session.