



2024 Alaska Marine Science Symposium Student Award Judging Criteria

For Oral Student Presentations

Graduate student presentations at the 2024 Alaska Marine Science Symposium will be considered for best student oral presentations and best posters. Two oral awards of \$300 each (1 for master's and 1 for doctorate level) and four poster awards of \$300 each (2 for master's or undergraduate and 2 for doctorate level) will be presented at the symposium. All student oral presentations will be judged based on the criteria listed below.

Delivery: Evaluate each item on a scale of 1 to 5. Score a 3 if the presentation meets expectations, and higher if it exceeds them. Score a 5 for an exceptional presentation only.

Total Points Possible: 25

1. Presentation is engaging and easy to follow (e.g., tells a story with an opening "hook," uses humor, provocative title, "take-home" points of the presentation are clear).	(5)
2. Effective delivery (clear enunciation without "um," "er," "you know," etc.).	(5)
3. Uses language and graphics suitable for a multi-disciplinary audience (e.g. technical terms are defined or understandable in context, the significance of complex data graphs and tables are explained, acronyms are defined).	(5)
4. Effective use of allotted time; reasonable amounts for intro, methods, analysis, results, and discussion, with time available for questions. Most of time is not spent on background with little new information.	(5)
5. Responses to audience questions were thoughtful and appropriate, showing knowledge of the subject matter.	(5)

Content: Evaluate each item on a scale of 1 to 5. Score a 3 if the presentation meets expectations, and higher if it exceeds them. Score a 5 for an exceptional presentation only.

Total Points Possible: 25

1. Background: provided an adequate amount of background to introduce the purpose of the project or work being presented.	(5)
2. Methods/Analysis: provided a clear and concise description of the methods and analyses used in the study.	(5)
3. Results: clear presentation of primary results or insights.	(5)
4. States logical conclusions clearly or describes avenues for further work.	(5)
5. Implications: provides a larger context for the project – the "so what?"	(5)

Total Score Possible for student oral presentation: 50



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For Poster Student Presentations

Graduate student presentations at the 2023 Alaska Marine Science Symposium will be considered for best student oral presentations and best posters. Two oral awards of \$250 each (1 for master's and 1 for doctorate level) and four poster awards of \$250 each (2 for master's or undergraduate and 2 for doctorate level) will be presented at the symposium. All student oral presentations will be judged based on the criteria listed below.

Delivery: Evaluate each item on a scale of 1 to 5. Score a 3 if the presentation meets expectations, and higher if it exceeds them. Score a 5 for an exceptional presentation only.

Total Points Possible: 25

1. Poster is arranged logically (e.g., not just a series of figures in random order).	(5)
2. Figures and tables are clear and clearly legible.	(5)
3. Language and graphics are suitable for a multi-disciplinary audience (e.g. technical terms are defined or understandable in context, complex graphs have explanatory legends, acronyms are spelled out).	(5)
4. Student ability to discuss their poster/research with audience members, answer questions, and engage with their audience.	(5)
5. Visually appealing and catchy.	(5)

Content: Evaluate each item on a scale of 1 to 5. Score a 3 if the presentation meets expectations, and higher if it exceeds them. Score a 5 for an exceptional presentation only.

Total Points Possible: 25

1. Background: provided an adequate amount of background to introduce the purpose of the project or work being presented.	(5)
2. Methods/Analysis: provided a clear and concise description of the methods and analyses used in the study.	(5)
3. Results: clear presentation of primary results or insights.	(5)
4. States logical conclusions clearly or describes avenues for further work and there is a clear and succinct summary or conclusion section.	(5)
5. Implications: provides a larger context for the project – the “so what?”	(5)

Total Score Possible for student oral presentation: 50