

Poster Presentations

- Posters should be on 3' or 4' (height) by 4' (width) poster board.
- You can either print out components of your poster on 8 ½ x 11 paper and affix these papers to a poster board or you can design your entire presentation using software and have it printed out on the 3 or 4' by 4' poster. This takes more time and is more expensive, but the result is a more professional looking poster. Please note that either way is acceptable and judges will not view one better than the other in judging for the Gee Competition.
- **You will need to bring your own foam core (or other type of hard backing) to display your poster.** Foam core can be purchased at office supply stores like Staples and Office Depot. At Graphic Resources you can also purchase foam core and/or have foam core cut to size (for a small fee).
- Easels will be provided and students will be assigned to a specific easel. Please check-in at the registration table to find out your easel assignment.
- During the poster session, you should be prepared to give a 3-4 minute summary about your project. Be sure to ask your audience if they have questions or comments at the end. You might also consider having a brief handout to share.

Poster Format and Style

- Don't use more than two fonts. Instead use bold, italic, and font size to set type differently. Times New Roman, Arial, and Garamond are suggested typefaces.
- Titles should be at least 2 inches high.
- The body type for the main sections should be at least 18 point if possible.
- Words should be large enough to read from several feet away, but don't use all caps.
- Stick to a color scheme.
- Be consistent with your white space between sections of text, figures, and headings; white space should be ample so the poster doesn't look cramped.

Gee Family Poster Competition

- Caltech students giving a poster presentation in October will be eligible for a prize. The intent of the Gee Family Poster Competition is to encourage and support excellence in effective scientific communication. Please refer to the attached judging criteria to learn more.