CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Jefferson Postdoctoral Association and JCLS Office of Postdoctoral Affairs present:

18th Jefferson Postdoctoral Research Symposium (in-person)
Thursday, September 19, 2024

==**Abstract deadline: Monday, July 15, 2024, at 5pm EST**==

Submit your abstract here: https://ewebapp01pa.jefferson.edu/events/postdocsymp/

Rules

- Participation is open only to Thomas Jefferson University postdoctoral fellows.
- **Only one abstract may be submitted per postdoc.** All abstract submissions will be considered, but there is not a guarantee of abstract acceptance.
- **Abstracts must be approved by your PI/supervisor.** Your PI will be emailed a copy of your abstract submission form.
- **Presentation options:**
    - Research In-Depth Presentations: 10 minutes oral presentations followed by Q&A
    - Lightning Talks: 3 minutes oral presentations with up to 3 slides followed by Q&A
    - Poster Presentation (Regular): 1.5 hr in-person poster session
    - Poster Presentation (Early Discoveries): 1.5 hr in-person poster session
        - "Early Discoveries" category is designed to showcase postdocs that are new to Jefferson (1 year or less) or have started new projects (within 6 months or less).
        - Abstracts selected for the "Early Discoveries" category will only be considered for a poster presentation.
        - This category will be subject to a distinct set of judges and judging criteria (see below).
- **Abstract selection** for Research In-Depth presentations and Lightning Talks will be based on:
    - Clarity
    - Scientific content/topic
    - Significance of research
    - Scientific approach to the problem
    - Balanced representation of laboratories and categories
- The event will be in-person.
- All selected oral presenters will get training on presentation skills. This training will be mandatory. Details will follow once presenter selections are made.

Instructions for Abstract Submission
- Abstracts must be submitted through the online form, using the link above.
- You can copy and paste your abstract into the textbox in the form or type it directly into the textbox.
- Abstract text is limited to 2100 characters including spaces and MUST fit in the text box on the submission form. Abstracts longer than 2100 characters will not be accepted.
- Spell out all Greek letters such as alpha, beta, gamma etc.
- Do not include figures in your abstract.
- Notification of oral presentation selection will be at the end of July.

Judging and Awards
- All oral and poster presentations will be judged in person on the day of PRS.
- Monetary prizes will be awarded for the best presentations ($500 Research In-Depth, $400 Lightning Talks, $250 Poster (regular), $150 Poster (early discoveries)).
- Postdocs who have previously won in a category (e.g. Research In-Depth, Lightning Talks, Regular Poster, or Early Discoveries Poster) may only submit an abstract in a category in which they have not won (e.g. If a postdoc won in the Lightning Talks session, they can only submit an abstract for Research In-Depth, Regular Poster or Early Discoveries Poster, if eligible).
- **Judging Criteria:**
  - Research In-Depth presentations, Lightning Talks, and Poster (Regular) presentations
    - Scientific content (originality, execution and interpretation, knowledge)
    - Quality of presentation (organization, communication, visual aids)
  - Poster (Early Discoveries) presentations
    - Quality of presentation (organization, communication, including answering questions, visual aids)
    - Strength of hypothesis and scope
    - Proposed methodology
    - Enthusiasm

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at prs@jefferson.edu.