

2021 TCS STUDENT POSTER AWARD PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

The Coastal Society actively supports opportunities for students to present research on emerging concepts and enrich the coastal community's collective knowledge. TCS is offering awards to acknowledge the best student member posters that are submitted electronically. TCS presents this opportunity to all TCS student members and recent graduates. The guidelines for submittal of the electronic posters are presented below.

Two students will be awarded **The Coastal Society's Thomas E. Bigford Award** in 2021, as follows: *Award for Best Student Poster* and *Second Place Student Poster*

Award: Cash award and certificate (\$250 Best/1st Place, \$100 2nd Place)

Eligibility: TCS members who were enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program between June 1, 2019 and the submittal deadline (below), presenting work that was performed as part of that degree program. (*TCS membership dues for 2021 must be paid by poster submission deadline.*)

Evaluation Criteria

- originality/creativity of the research or project
- quality/rigor of the research or project
- contribution towards a broader understanding of a coastal issue
- clarity/quality of the text and graphics
- effectiveness of poster design/layout in communicating key points

Submittal Deadline

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021 AT 3 PM EASTERN (12 PM PACIFIC).

Submission Requirements and Format Guidelines

Three electronic files must be submitted via email to admin@thecoastalsociety.org with subject line "**2021 TCS Student Poster Entry**" by the deadline above:

- (1) **Poster**: PDF format of poster that is clearly legible at a 24" X 36" scale (or smaller) with a maximum file size of 20 Mb. All posters should include the following sections (or equivalent):
 - (a) Title, (b) Abstract/Introduction, (d) Methods/Approach, (e) Results/Analysis, (f) Discussion/Conclusion

Please use the following file-name convention for the poster:

[Last-Name]_TCS2021_Poster_[Maximum_of_Five_Key_Words]

Example: *Ramirez_TCS2021_Poster_Beach_Mania*

- (2) **Supporting Information**: PDF format of an 8.5" X 11" scale document (minimum 12 pt font) with the following:
 - i. Poster title.
 - ii. Student author information, including (a) Name, (b) Organization/affiliation, (c) E-mail address, and (d) Phone number.
 - iii. All text from the poster, organized according to headings as presented in the poster.
 - iv. A full-length abstract if only a condensed version was included on the poster.
 - v. Optional – up to one page identified as "Additional Background" with further information about the work presented in your poster.
 - vi. A complete reference list if only citations were included on the poster.

Note: Including poster graphics in the supporting information document is not necessary and will not influence scoring.

Please use the following file-name convention for the supporting information:

[Last-Name]_TCS2021_Text_[Maximum_of_Five_Key_Words]

Example: *Ramirez_TCS2021_Text_Beach_Mania*

(3) **Reference:** PDF format of a written statement from an appropriate reference (e.g., an advising professor) confirming that the work presented in the poster is exclusively or largely that of the student's, and that it was performed while matriculated in a degree program.

- i. The statement should include contact information for the reference, including (a) Name, (b) Organization/affiliation, (c) E-mail address, and (d) Phone number.
- ii. An e-mail from your reference, saved in PDF format, is acceptable if the above information is included.

Please use the following file-name convention for the reference confirmation letter:

[Last-Name]_TCS2021_Confirm_[Maximum_of_Five_Key_Words]

Example: *Ramirez_TCS2021_Confirm_Beach_Mania*

By submitting your entry, you agree to allow The Coastal Society to list your name as an award recipient and make your poster content available for public view. You retain rights to present your poster in subsequent non-TCS forums.

Award Date and Notification:

TCS will announce the award recipients at the **2021 TCS Annual Meeting**, date to be determined, but anticipated in April or May 2021. Award recipients will be notified via email and asked to confirm the address where their checks and certificates should be sent.

Questions?

While not a requirement, please send an email to admin@thecoastalsociety.org with your interest in submitting a poster as soon as possible. You will then be kept up to date on any clarifications or changes to the submittal guidelines and receive an occasional reminder of the submittal deadline. Any questions about this event may also be sent to the email address above.