

Gordon Research Conference on Science and Technology Policy
Big Sky, MT, August 13-18, 2006
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First Call for Poster Proposals

Deadline: February 28, 2006 (rolling thereafter)

Posters sessions are a fixture of scientific conferences, and they can be an effective and memorable way of communicating ideas that might otherwise be missed and for provoking conversations that might otherwise never develop. Posters are an integral part of the Gordon conference, enriching the exchange of ideas by complementing oral presentations and large group discussions as well as by stimulating collegial interactions among participants. Poster presenters will engage in conversation about their posters with other participants during relaxed afternoon and/or evening sessions. Every attendee is welcome and encouraged to propose a poster. Early career participants are especially encouraged to present posters at the conference.

The deadline for submission of poster abstracts is February 28, 2006, with consideration and acceptances continuing on a rolling basis until the available positions are filled. Abstracts should be 250-300 words in length, and clearly describe the research question(s) addressed, the methodology employed, and the argument to be made. Poster proposals will be judged according to the following criteria:

- a) Relevance to overall meeting themes (please see the conference website for details) or to emerging themes for science/technology policy not covered in this research conference such as homeland security and terrorism, nanotechnology, global warming, and information technology;
- b) Quality, clarity, and originality of ideas;
- c) Appropriateness for presentation as a poster, including the potential for visual representations and graphics to support the arguments;
- d) Priority for junior, international, and independent scholars (please indicate your status on your submission).

Upon acceptance, you will be provided with an official letter of acceptance which may be helpful in soliciting funds or grants to assist in your attendance at the conference. Further information will be provided regarding funds from the conference organizers.

If you have no experience preparing a poster presentation, the Poster Committee may offer help. For more information, to begin developing a poster idea, or to submit an abstract, please email the Poster Committee Chair: Rachel Ankeny (rankeny@science.usyd.edu.au)

For more information on the Conference generally, please contact the co-chair: Fred Grinnell (frederick.grinnell@utsouthwestern.edu).