



The Canadian Society for Civil Engineering
La Société canadienne de génie civil

University of Calgary

Graduate Student Poster Competition 2012

General Information

The CSCE Calgary Section is proud to present the Graduate Student Poster Competition 2012 as part of the Dinner Meeting on **Thursday, February 16** at the Blackfoot Inn (5940 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary). We are looking forward to hosting this event in Calgary for the seventh season after receiving great feedback from industry on previous competitions.

The purpose of this Poster Night is to provide the opportunity for graduate students in civil engineering at the University of Calgary to present their research work to members of the various professional and academic organizations in Calgary. Furthermore, the civil engineering community will have the opportunity to inform themselves about ongoing research activities in different areas of civil engineering.

Registration:

Registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. For your registration, please submit your name [first and last], email address, poster title, field of study (e.g. structural engineering, environmental engineering, etc.) and name of your supervisor(s). Key dates are as follows:

By Thursday, January 26 Poster registration, titles submitted to ddanke2@telus.net

By Friday, February 10 Posters submitted as PDF file [5MB max.] to ddanke2@telus.net

Tuesday, February 14 Students will be notified by email [first 14 posters max.]

Poster Specifications:

The poster dimensions are maximum 2' x 3' landscape or portrait. Students are allowed to participate with posters that were previously displayed at other events such as conferences, provided the posters are within the maximum dimensions stated above. The posters may incorporate photographs, charts, graphs, illustrations, and text.

Event Information:

The event starts promptly at 5:30 PM. Contestants should arrive at **5:00 PM** to allow enough time to set up their posters. The posters will be mounted directly onto the walls. Between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM students are expected to be at their poster location to describe their research program to the audience and the judges (to allow for questions, three (3) minutes will be allotted for the description). If there are more than 10 participants, judging will begin promptly at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. The winners of the poster competition will be announced after dinner. The dinner talk will start at approximately 7:15 PM. The event typically ends between 8:00 PM and 8:30 PM.



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Prizes:

Certificates will be printed for each prize. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- **1st prize: \$200**
- **2nd prize: \$150**
- **3rd prize: \$100**

Contestants ranking 4th to 8th will receive a cheque valued at \$50 to offset the production cost of their poster. All contestants are invited for a complementary dinner at the event.

Evaluation Criteria:

Contestants should remember when preparing their displays that the function of a poster is to “Convey your message at a glance.” Make use of photographs, charts, graphs, and illustrations. Displays having pages of descriptive text do not constitute a poster! The prizes will be based on the following evaluation criteria. Please consult with CSCE Section Faculty Representative Dr. Farnaz Sadeghpour if you need further explanation about the criteria.

Content:	Points
➤ Introduction/Background	10
➤ Objective(s) of research	10
➤ Methodology / Technical content	30
➤ Key result areas / expected or actual deliverables	10
Presentation:	30
➤ Poster Design (appearance, use of graphics and pictures, creativity, clarity, legibility, not too many details, overall impression)	10
➤ Interview / Response to questions	

Printing the Posters:

The posters can be prepared with programs such as MS Powerpoint. Allow enough time for printing! It is recommended to print a poster sample before printing the full-sized poster. Colours may appear different on paper than on your screen. As well, the poster might be printed from a computer that does not have your fonts installed.

Posters can be printed/laminated on campus at:

- Faculty of Medicine, Multimedia Services:
http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/faculties/medicine/photo/posters_main.htm
- U of C Printing Services (they have limitations in printing large posters):
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/printing/>

If you wish to laminate your poster you can go to:

- Map Town: <http://www.maptown.com/serviceslaminating.html>
- Petro-Tech Printing Ltd.: <http://www.petro-tech.ab.ca/>

Good luck!