CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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

17th Jefferson Postdoctoral Research Symposium (In-person)

Thursday, September 21, 2023 (10am-6pm)

Abstract deadline: Monday, July 17, 2023, at 5pm EST!

Submit your abstract here: https://eawebapp01pa.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 the abstract.
- 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.
- 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.

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))

- **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
    - Presentation and enthusiasm, strength of hypothesis and scope, proposed methodology

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