

Tips on preparing your poster

Your one sheet “roll up “poster must be 36” high by 45” wide. These are the dimensions required for the SBCC National Competition at NRC in Ottawa and also by the International BioGENEius Challenge in Washington D.C.

Your poster must be a one sheet “roll up” poster that can be fastened to a backboard and then easily removed for transportation. In many regional competitions,, backboards may be supplied.

Your poster should include the following;

- Title,
- Student and School Names
- Abstract
- Introduction:(background, rationale, possible applications, etc.)
- Materials & Methods;
- Results;(graphs, photographs, tables, descriptions etc.)
- Discussion (and Conclusion);
- References;
- Acknowledgment (to Principal, Teacher, Advisor/Mentor and others deemed appropriate)

The best way is to do your poster is in PowerPoint, or similar, and then have it printed at Kinkos or a similar printshop. Some printers supply a free template but you can also find one in the internet.

For instructions on how to do a poster in PowerPoint, go to <http://www.biotechinstitute.org/node/1567>

Note: while it instructs you to set up your PowerPoint for 36” X 48”, make sure that you leave a 1 ½ “margin on each end so that it can be trimmed to 45”.

There are many other sites on the Internet that provide instructions on how to do a poster in PowerPoint. If you type “How do you do a science poster in PowerPoint?” into your search engine, you will get several sites that can help. Here are some examples;

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/NatSci/cpurrin1/posteradvice.htm>
(Free template download on this page)

<http://undergradresearch.missouri.edu/resources/powerpoint-video.php>

This has a 20 minute video that is pretty good.

Make sure that your Mentor has reviewed your poster before you have it printed.