Best Student Poster Competition Judging Criteria

A. **Poster and Video Presentation**
   REQUIRED FOR ALL COMPETITORS
   - Overall quality of the poster and video presentation
   - Introduction: Is the work placed in context? Is there a clearly stated hypothesis?
   - Methods: Are methods clearly and completely explained? Is the most logical approach utilized? Is a new method developed or applied (innovation)?
   - Results: Are the main results clearly presented?
   - Summary and conclusions: Does the presenter connect their work to the larger picture?
   - Scientific impact: Does this work stand on its own or is it part of a larger project? Does this work change dogma, establish a new line of research, or answer a long-standing question?

B. **Live Q&A Presentation**
   ALL UNDERGRADUATE COMPETITORS and 50 GRADUATE COMPETITORS (Selected from Review of Posters and Uploaded Videos)
   - Overall quality of the poster and presentation
   - 2-Minute Presentation: Presenter’s ability to clearly and concisely explain the context of their work, their hypothesis, and key findings in a two-minute presentation
   - Presenter’s ability to answer questions from the judges and audience

C. **Live Final Presentation**
   SIX (6) FOR EACH CATEGORY: on Wednesday July 15 (see final program for times)
   - Overall quality of the presentation
   - Presenter’s ability to answer questions from the judges and audience
   - Audience and judges vote
   - The judges reserve the right for the final decision, taking the popular vote into consideration.