

## **2021 Poster Symposium Competition and Conference Frequently Asked Questions**

### **I cannot access the application form. What do I do?**

It is likely that you cannot access the application form because you are not logged in to your NAU LOUIE account. The form only becomes available if you use this account to access it, so please follow the following instructions to make sure you are all set to go:

Step 1. Go to  
<http://gmail.nau.edu>

Step 2: Log in with your Louie ID like this:  
abc4

So, if your Louie sign-in is: mk234

Then, log in with mk234

Step 3: go to the application link

### **What is different in this year's Poster Symposium?**

The symposium will consist of two parts.

Part 1: Poster Symposium Competition (evaluation of posters submitted electronically) that will be held prior to March 27th.

Part 2: An optional Conference (where the participants can present their posters) held on March 27th.

### **How will the prize money be disbursed?**

As with most financial aid, awards, and scholarships at NAU, the prize money will be transferred to your Louie account after the event. If you will be graduating in spring 2021, prize money will be used to pay off your outstanding balance in Louie and then released to you after your balance in Louie is \$0. Please contact Financial Aid for more details.

### **Can I just participate in the Competition and not the Conference?**

Absolutely. If you only want to participate in the competition and not present your poster via Zoom on March 27th, 2021, you can do that. Remember to check the deadlines for abstract and poster submission.

**Can I just participate in the Conference and not the Competition?**

Unfortunately, this is not possible since the main event is the Poster Symposium Competition; the Conference is an additional opportunity for those who compete.

**What format will the Conference be held in?**

The Conference will be hosted on **Zoom**. The participants will be placed in sessions with 5-6 other presenters and will compete only against the presenters in that session. There will be one winner per session. Session winner prizes are in the amount of \$100.

**Do I have to memorize or rehearse my presentation?**

It is not required that your presentation be memorized; however, we recommend that you rehearse it since it will have to fit within the allotted 7 minutes. Please also be prepared for 3 minutes of Q&A.

**What visual aids will I need to provide for my presentation on March 27th?**

You are welcome to use your poster as a reference during your talk.

**Can I make changes to my poster after submitting it but before I present it?**

We encourage you to not change your poster after you submitted it for evaluation as this may cause confusion among the judges. However, you are welcome to add new findings to your presentation if you make progress in your research project after you submit your poster.