AAPD 2021– Boston, Massachusetts
Poster Session Guidelines
My Kid’s Dentist and Orthodontics Poster Research Competition
& the Graduate Student Research Award

Important Dates

- Abstract submission deadline: January 13, 2021
- Poster submission deadline: April 21, 2021
- Audio submission deadline: April 28, 2021

Registration for AAPD 2021
Submitting an abstract or a poster does NOT register you for AAPD 2021 Annual Session. Fyi, student registration is $0 before April 1st and $150 after April 1st. You must register for the conference in addition to abstract/poster submission. https://annual.aapd.org/

Who can present a poster?
- AAPD Members
  - Pediatric Dental Residents
  - Pre-doctoral Dental Students
  - Other (e.g. faculty, residents from other specialties)

Who is eligible to compete for awards?
For My Kid’s Dentist and Orthodontics Research Poster Competition
- Only Pediatric Dental Residents are eligible to compete for this award

For the Graduate Student Research Awards (GSRA)
- Current pediatric dentistry residents or graduates of a pediatric dentistry residency training program, having received their certificate or degree within eighteen (18) months prior to the GSRA application deadline and an active member in good standing of AAPD, are edible for this award.

What are the goals of the AAPD poster session?
- To give applicants a chance to present their research during AAPD’s Annual Session Meeting
- To show the breadth of research that is being undertaken at various institutions
- To highlight interesting cases encountered by applicants

What are the options for presenting your poster at the AAPD Annual Session?
Those who wish to present their poster at the Annual Session have a few different options from which to choose. Which option is most appropriate will first depend on if you have a case presentation or a research project.
- Research projects are eligible to participate in the Graduate Student Research Award (GSRA) and My Kid’s Dentist and Orthodontics Research Poster competitions.
- Case presentations are welcomed, but are NOT eligible to participate in the competitions.

Your choice of whether or not to participate in the competition(s) or simply present your findings should be based on the quality of the research, the significance of the findings, and your own personal feelings toward participation. This should be discussed with your program director prior to submitting your application. When you choose to submit your abstract, you will be prompted to choose one of these options before submitting. Below is a description of each

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category to help you determine which option is best for you. Program Directors will be required to sign off on all abstracts before they can be submitted.

1. **Poster Presentation Only:** This option is appropriate for case presentations, some pilot studies, and research projects with partial results. You will be assigned a time slot at a poster station to present during the Annual Session. This category does not include judging by a Poster Judge. You will present your poster and answer questions for those who approach you during your designated time slot. You will not participate in the competitions and, as such, will not be scored nor considered for an award/prize.

2. **Poster Competition Only:** This option is appropriate for completed research projects. You will be assigned a time slot to present at the Annual Session poster competition. A Poster Judge will come by to hear your presentation and ask questions regarding your project and findings. Judging is based off specific criteria provided the judges. This category is eligible to win first, second or third place in the My Kid’s Poster Competition. This option does not include participation in the Graduate Student Research Award competition.

3. **Graduate Student Research Award (GSRA):** This option is appropriate for completed research projects with significant findings. You will be entered into the GSRA competition ONLY. You will NOT be assigned a time to present a poster at the Annual Session unless you are chosen as a GSRA finalist.

GSRA Applicants:
- Applicants may only submit one entry for this award. Entries will not be accepted from individuals who have previously submitted to the competition. Abstracts must not be closely related to another submitted abstract with the same coauthors.
- Applicants must be a member of the AAPD (international applicants may join at the time of submission) and be currently enrolled in an advanced educational program in pediatric dentistry or an equivalent international program.
- Applicants must be a graduate of a residency training program, having received their certificate or degree within eighteen (18) months prior to the GSRA application deadline and an active member in good standing of AAPD.
- Final, analyzed data must be included in the abstract. Abstracts without final data will not be judged.
- For finalists only: A manuscript is required. If a major flaw in the research study is detected during the manuscript review, the judges reserve the right to withdraw the award prior to the Annual Session and to name a successor finalist. Upon abstract submission (or manuscript submission), the program director will attest to the percentage involvement of the finalist in the research project. Finalist are not eligible to win a prize in the My Kid’s Poster Competition.

4. **Poster Competition and GSRA:** This option is appropriate for completed research projects with significant findings. You will be entered to participate in the GSRA competition AND you will be assigned a time slot at a poster station at the Annual Session. You will be judged by a Poster Judge based on the specific criteria they are provided. This category is eligible to win a cash prize in the My Kid’s Poster Competition. However, should you be chosen as a GSRA finalist, you will be expected to present your poster during your assigned time, but not be eligible for a prize in the My Kid’s Poster Competition.

**THE AAPD IS NOT RESPONSIBLE IF YOU MAKE AN INACCURATE SELECTION DURING THE SUBMISSION PROCESS. IT IS UP TO THE SUBMITTER TO TAKE STEPS TO FIX ANY ERRORS WITH THEIR SUBMISSION.**

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**My Kid’s Dentist and Orthodontics Research Poster Competition Prize Information**

Those who choose to compete in the My Kid’s Poster competition are eligible to win the prizes below:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: $1,000
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: $500
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: $250

**GSRA Prize Information**

The Graduate Student Research Award (GSRA) was established in 1989 for pediatric dentistry residents and recent graduates. Eight finalists are selected to present their research during AAPDs Annual Session. Finalists receive complimentary registration to the Annual Session for themselves and a cash award. Finalists are also presented with a plaque during the General Assembly at the Annual Session.* A matching cash award is presented to each finalist’s training program.

*While multiple authors can be acknowledged, only one applicant will serve as the finalist to make the oral presentation and be awarded travel expenses, complimentary registration and the cash award.

**Poster Viewing Access**

All posters are presented in an electronic format on a customized AAPD Poster App and the EventScribe ePoster Gallery.

**Poster Presentation**

You will receive an email in the weeks leading up to Annual Session that will include your scheduled poster presentation date and time as well as your entry type (i.e. presentation vs. competition). Please keep this for your records. Presenting authors must be at their assigned station during their designated date and time of their presentation. **No schedule changes will be allowed.**

Your poster presentation will be displayed on a 55” HD computer monitor. **Your presentation must be in PDF format.** **Layout must be in Landscape format, aspect ratio of 2:1.** You can use PowerPoint to set up the layout of your poster.

**Schedule for Poster Presentations**

Friday: 9am-5pm
Saturday: 9am-5pm

**Graphics**

Graphic material, tables and illustrations should be as simple as possible. Numbers or arrows to indicate the viewing sequence are of great assistance to viewers. **The faces of subjects should be blacked out for privacy.** The images must be at least 120 pixels.

**Commercialism**

Posters must avoid commercialism, promotion, or advertisement. Posters that are deemed to be commercial, promotional or an advertisement will not be accepted and will be removed from the competition.

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