

# Poster Competition Guidelines

1. You can create your poster electronically, in a format consistent with scaling up to a 24"x 36" (61 x 91.4 cm) poster and email it to [sanjuanconference@naspaa.org](mailto:sanjuanconference@naspaa.org). The poster can be portrait or landscape in orientation.

**OR**

You can write and draw your poster in pen and colored markers, and/or paste on printouts of graphics and charts/tables on a 24"x36" poster paper and send a photo of it from your smartphone to [sanjuanconference@naspaa.org](mailto:sanjuanconference@naspaa.org). If your poster is selected for display, we will make arrangements to cover mailing expenses to San Juan.

2. The deadline is MIDNIGHT Eastern Daylight Time, on Thursday May 16, 2019. The winner will be notified by close of business EDT on Friday May 17. The winner must be available for travel that enables them to be present in San Juan on June 3 and 4, 2019.
3. The posters will be judged by the NASPAA conference organizers, with 75% of the score based on emergency management relevance and content, and 25% of the score on visual impression and reading comprehensibility in 1-2 minutes.
4. First prize will be air fare and 2 nights of hotel at the conference hotel in San Juan. The judges do not have to award a first prize if in their judgement no poster meets their minimum expectation. Further, if air fare and logistics from the winning student's location proves impractical, NASPAA has the option of awarding a cash prize of \$500 in lieu of the trip. The winning student, however, may not elect to receive the cash prize instead of the trip to San Juan. All decisions of the judges are final.
5. Submissions of posters by groups are permitted. In the event that poster is selected by the judges, the submitters must identify which student would receive the prize trip and present the poster.
6. The poster can be based on any level of graduate student research: term paper for a course, capstone project, master's thesis, or doctoral dissertation. Please provide a full citation in the accompanying email. (including what course or degree the research is in fulfillment for, and any acknowledgements you'd like to make to your advisor, sponsor, or colleagues. You may attach an electronic excerpt of the research paper if you would like.) Your poster will be judged "blind", so please do not put your name on the poster itself. If chosen for display, your citation will be attached to the poster.
7. Students from all NASPAA member schools anywhere in the world are eligible to submit posters. Though the competition is intended for graduate students, undergraduates conducting research at NASPAA member schools are also eligible to submit, as are Postdocs within 1 year of receiving their PhD. Posters by faculty members and instructors are also encouraged, but they will not be eligible for the student travel prize to the conference. Faculty submitting posters of exceptional interest may be invited to present their poster via Zoom.
8. The topic of the conference is: Risk, Capacity, and Resilience: Preparing the Next Generation of Public Service Leaders. Posters describing research on any aspect of emergency management are welcome, but posters touching on the following are especially encouraged:
  - Risk, capacity, and resilience.
  - Vulnerable populations and resilience: equality and inclusion in emergency management.
  - Growing dependence of society on technology and what happens when technology fails.
  - Cross-sectoral and intergovernmental cooperation, including with the military.
  - The need for interdisciplinarity in the field of emergency management, including the fields of public administration, public health, economics, engineering, and others.
  - Course/curriculum design for emergency management in public administration/policy education.

Submit your poster to [sanjuanconference@naspaa.org](mailto:sanjuanconference@naspaa.org) by midnight May 16, 2019.