



poster contest for mentoring in research

sponsored by the  MIT School of Science

Official Rules

I. Eligible Participants:

All MIT students, faculty, postdocs, affiliates, as well as all staff, are welcome to participate in the competition. Judged prizes will be limited to submissions that come from the School of Science—meaning that at least half of the work was done by graduate students, postdocs, faculty, staff, and UROP students in the School of Science. Entries from all members of the MIT community will be eligible for voting prizes whether or not they come from the School of Science. Members of the PCMR steering committee are ineligible to receive judged prizes.

II. Guidelines

The design may include drawings, photographs, and text. Designs may encompass an area of up to 11” x 17.” The design must be your own original, unpublished work and must not include any third-party logos or copyrighted material. By entering the competition, you agree that your submission is your own work. Photographs that portray recognizable individuals require explicit permission from each subject portrayed in the photograph. A person may submit one poster design, either individually or as a member of team. The PCMR steering committee reserves the right to make changes to all designs before display, including changes in image size, color(s), and/or written text.

III. Submission Format:

Digital entries only! We will accept images in .png or .jpg format. Posters may either be submitted to our website at <http://pcmr.mit.edu> or by email to pcmr@mit.edu. Please submit a list of names and affiliations of all people who worked on the poster.

IV. Voting:

After initial screening, posters will be displayed on a website. Members of the community will then be able to vote for their choice of the best poster in one or more of the following categories:

- A. Best mentoring message
- B. Best potential to “go viral”
- C. Most elegant graphics

Winners of these prizes will be announced at an awards ceremony during the Spring semester. Each award will be accompanied by a \$400 monetary prize, which is separate from any prizes that may be awarded from the judged portion of the contest.

V. Judging:

All eligible posters that are considered acceptable by the discretion of the judges will be considered for a judged prize. All teams that submit appropriate designs will receive a small item that depicts the design. A panel of several faculty mentors from the MIT School of Science will award three monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Judged prizes will be announced at an awards ceremony during the Spring semester.

VI. Competition Prizes:

Submissions that come from the School of Science (as described under ‘eligible participants’) are eligible to receive a voting prize, a judged prize, or both. Entries from all members of the MIT community will be eligible for voting prizes whether or not they come from the School of Science.

Voting prizes: as noted in ‘voting,’ all winners of awards from voting will receive a \$400 monetary prize. Some restrictions will apply.

Judged prizes: monetary prizes for judged posters will be as follows:

- A. 1st place: \$1,500
- B. 2nd place: \$750
- C. 3rd place: \$500

VII. Competition Timeline

Submissions for the competition will be collected from January 5, 2010--- February 15, 2010. No entries will be accepted after February 15, 2010.

VIII. Miscellaneous:

All participants must be 18 years or older or have permission from their parent or guardian to submit. All participants will be required to submit an entry agreement, which includes agreeing to allow MIT an unrestricted license to use their design. (link to agreement) By submitting your design, you grant permission for your design to be publicly displayed, including but not limited to, the PCMR website.