



AEI Conference 2026

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research Showcase

Returning this year, for [AEI/IRD 2026 Conference](#), is a poster session for students to present their research to conference attendees. Cutting edge technical work will be showcased in a visual display to encourage attendee interaction. Student researchers will be categorized as either Undergraduate or Graduate (Master or Ph.D. students). Posters will be judged by panel of jurors including faculty members, professionals, and student peers.

Poster Displays:

Wednesday, March 18th 7:00 pm through Friday, March 20th 8:00 pm

- This is intended to be an engaging and mentoring event. Students are required to register for the conference to display a poster.
- Faculty and professional mentors will interact with the presenters and provide feedback during the Graduate and Undergraduate Showcase.
- Easels will be provided.
- Posters will be on display in the Exhibit Hall for much of the conference.

Poster Lightning Round Presentation Session:

The AEI Conference Program Chair will schedule a Poster Presentation Lightning Round session[s] for all poster submitters to present a ~ 3 – 5 minute high level technical presentation. Poster jurors will be required to attend the session. The session[s] details will be provided after the poster submission closes.

Poster Requirements

- Your poster must be **36" high x 48" wide**, landscape orientation only.
- Poster should include a title/topic across the top. **Font size should be at least 18 pts**, preferably in bold to be easily identifiable.
- Underneath the title/topic, list author and co-author names, titles/positions, affiliations, postal and email addresses in 16 pt font size minimum.
- Text information should be in 16 pt font size minimum.
- Research topic is limited to relevant Architectural Engineering subjects.
- Please indicate which **AEI Build** best fits your work (Deliver, Enclose, Learn, Modular, Perform, Resilient, Secure, Sustain).
- Acknowledge AEI as well as any other organization(s) having a working relationship with the poster author, including funding agencies.



- Posters must be printed in color.
- Include the following sections: title, introduction/background, methodology, findings/results, conclusions. Please avoid excessive jargon (while using appropriate technical terminology)
- References should be included, but should not be overly excessive.

Voting will close Friday morning, March 20th, 2026.

Winners will be recognized at the Friday morning AEI Awards Ceremony

Presentation Requirements

For submissions, presenters are required to print their own poster. AEI **will not** have the ability to print posters for students who are traveling to the conference.

- Presenters are responsible for locating a local printing service near the conference for printing and/or delivery. It is advisable for presenters to contact the vendor of their choice in advance. The closest FedEx Office Print & Ship is located in the Marriott Rivercenter, 101 Bowie St, San Antonio, TX 78205. Hours are 7:00am – 7:00pm Mon-Fri, 9:00am – 3:00pm Sat
- Presenters may also bring the poster with them.
- The conference will provide easels and a 4ft x 8ft tack board for mounting posters. Two posters will be mounted per tack board.
- Conference registration is required for participating students.

Judging Criteria

Posters will be judged by a panel of jurors including faculty members, professionals, and student peers. The judges will consider the following:

Poster Content

- Research Innovation — research is cutting edge and particularly relevant for today
- Completeness – stands alone, addresses all topics well, presents a complete picture of the research / topic

Poster Presentation

- Design – stands out, is creative, is visually attractive
- Clarity – understandable, clear, comprehensive
- Correctness – all content is justified, appropriate, and without error

Resources:

- How to create a Research Poster: <https://guides.nyu.edu/posters>
- Students are encouraged to be creative as long as the guidelines are followed.