Seven Rivers Undergraduate Research Symposium
Awards and Assessment Criteria

Each year, the organizers of the Seven Rivers Undergraduate Research Symposium are pleased to present awards for Best Oral Presentations and People’s Choice awards for Best Posters.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**
In order to assist students with their preparations, we wanted to provide students giving oral presentations with the criteria on which their presentations would be assessed.

That set of criteria is as follows:

- *Introduction* (clear objectives & background)
- *Purpose* (research purpose clear for general audience)
- *Methodology* (clearly explained for a general audience)
- *Work Quality/Results* (logical, clearly presented, pertinent)
- *Conclusion* (well-supported, a clear summary)
- *Delivery skills* (good volume & pace, good eye contact, subtle use of notes)
- *Preparation* (logical sequence, evidence of preparation, effective use of time)
- *Understanding of Subject* (clear mastery of study, effective response to questions)

Faculty Judges will anonymously assess all oral presentations on each of the above-listed criteria on a four-point scale, four being the highest score.

As a courtesy, student presenters will receive copies of the evaluations; the evaluations are shared for instructive purposes only. Reading the evaluations in entirely optional.

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS:**
Given that poster awards are determined by “People’s Choice” (i.e. each conference participant will vote for the three posters they feel are most worthy of a “Best Poster” award), there are no set criteria for evaluation. That said, the Seven Rivers Poster Session Coordinators will tally the votes and given awards to the posters who received the most votes in each of the following disciplinary categories: Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.

Questions? Please feel free to email the symposium organizer at sevenrivers@viterbo.edu.