

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE RESEARCH FORUM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are there any sponsorships/funding by COM to help pay for the cost of printing the posters?

Unfortunately there is no funding by COM to help pay for the cost of printing of posters. Participants are responsible for costs associated with participating in the forum.

2. Can multiple posters be presented?

Participants may display a maximum of TWO posters, however only one can be considered for the prize. Due to time restraints, it is strongly recommended that the focus of your presentation be on the competing poster.

3. What is the recommended or suggested poster size?

Due to space limitations, posters should be no larger than 60 inches in width and 48 inches in height.

4. Will there be judges at the COM Research Forum? Should our presentation as well as abstract be in laymen's terms or will all the judges be faculty from the College of Medicine?

Each poster will be judged by a group of 3-4 judges that consist of UIC faculty. As such, your research and abstract should be of scientific quality and presented as such.

5. How long should the presentation be and will there be a Q&A session afterward by the judges?

Each presenter will be allowed approximately 7 minutes to present their posters to the judges - 5 minutes to present and 2 minutes for questions and answers.

6. What will participants be judged on?

Judges will evaluate each presenter and poster on the following:

- Oral Presentation
- Scientific quality
- Poster quality
- Response to questions.

7. What are the prizes and categories?

- Medical students Category
 - First Place winner
 - Research support: \$1250 for research related expenses
 - Second Place winner
 - Research support: \$1000 for research related expenses
 - Honorable Mention Certificate winners
- Graduate, MD-PhD, and other combined degree students category

- First Place winner
 - Research support: \$1250 for research related expenses
- Second Place winner
 - Research support: \$1000 for research related expenses
- Honorable Mention Certificate winners

- Postdoctoral fellows and residents
 - First Place winner
 - Research support: \$1250 for research related expenses
 - Second Place winner
 - Research support: \$1000 for research related expenses
 - Honorable Mention Certificate winners

- Research Assistant Professors and Scientific Staff
 - First Place winner
 - Research support: \$1000 for research related expenses
 - Honorable Mention Certificate winners

8. When will the winners be announced?

Winners are announced approximately 2 weeks after the forum.

9. Can the prize be split amongst multiple authors/presenters?

Unless otherwise communicated, the person who submits the abstract submission (usually the first author), will be the main contact and person awarded the prize. Prizes cannot be split amongst co-authors.

10. Can research conducted outside of UIC be presented?

Research conducted outside of UIC can be presented for possible honor recognition but not for prizes. These participants should submit their abstracts under the Faculty/Other category.

11. Are undergraduates eligible to win prizes?

Undergraduates are welcomed to participate for possible honor recognition but not for prizes. These participants should submit their abstracts under the Faculty/Other category.

12. Are posters on case reports (vignettes) eligible to present?

Case reports are not eligible to present.