



Texas Dermatological Society

Podium & Poster Competitions for Residents

TDS invites you to participate in the Podium & Poster Competition that will be held April 24-25, 2026 the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas TX for the TDS Annual Spring Conference. Residents will have the opportunity to present their abstracts and research in two different settings:

Application deadline for ALL posters/podiums is **April 3, 2026**

ALL abstracts for poster/podium presentations are due **April 10, 2026**

ALL poster PDFs are due **April 10, 2026**

Medical Students -

If space allows, there will be a committee for selecting the top medical student abstract submissions for the podium competition. Up to three medical students will be selected to participate in-person. Should space allow, medical students will be notified closer to the meeting date of in-person presentations.

Applications are ONLY for the first author of the abstract. Those that are second, third authors do not need to submit an application. All communication & submissions are to be done by the FIRST AUTHOR ONLY.

Podium Competition: All presenters must submit an abstract of no more than one typewritten, double-spaced page for the syllabus and abstract booklet. This abstract does not have to include sources. If the sources fit within the one page limit, then they can be added. Resident Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the amounts of \$1000, \$600 and \$400 as well as certificates.

Poster Competition: The poster presentations should present scientific information utilizing narrative material, photographs, charts, diagrams, etc. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the amounts of \$500, \$300 and \$200 as well as certificates.

You may enter both competitions but the topics must be different.

You can ONLY submit ONE abstract for a poster & ONE abstract for a podium. Topics HAVE to be completely different for the poster & the podium.

For questions, email sylvia.hall@texasdermatology.org

One application per competition is required

The TDS Office will be printing all posters this year. Do not print your poster. When you register for the conference, you must pay the **\$25 poster printing fee**. Refunds will not be given regardless of format. (printed or virtual both require a fee)

For printing purposes, you must send a high-resolution PDF (36" x 24") to sylvia.hall@texasdermatology.org no later than **April 10, 2026.**

Application Procedures & General Rules

- Topics - Posters can be of either original research or case presentations. Posters should include photos and data/discussion, similar to “centerfold cases” in the *Archives of Dermatology*.
- Applicants simply need to submit an application form to reserve their spot in the poster competition.
 - **Applicant needs to be the first author on the abstract and also needs to be the one to submit the application and abstract to the TDS email. The first author needs to be the one doing the communication.**
- Dermatology Residents must be members of TDS (or submit an application).
 - **Medical students, fellows and non-Texas current residents are eligible to present, however, are not eligible to win. Priority will be given to current 2025 Texas Residents.**
 - **The first author of the abstract needs to be the first author on the poster itself. If your poster is chosen to win, but you do not have the resident who is the first author listed first on the poster, it will be disqualified.**
- **The TDS goes off of the “Honor System.” Please do not change author order for the sake of these competitions.**
- Published material should not be submitted. It is acceptable if material has been submitted for publication but not actually published by the date of the conference.
- Posters previously shown at other dermatology meetings (including an AAD meeting) are allowed, however applicants should **not** submit posters that include material that has already been presented at previous TDS meetings.
- Podium presentations need to be between 5-7 minutes.
- The first author will be considered the competing resident.
- All first authors have to register for the TDS Meeting prior to the registration deadline, **April 17, 2026.**
- All presenters must submit an abstract of no more than one typewritten, double-spaced page for the syllabus and abstract booklet. This abstract does not have to include sources. If the sources fit within the one page limit, then they can be added.
- All winners’ abstracts will be published in the next TDS member newsletter issue of *The Texas Dermatologist*.
- **Contact TDS with questions at sylvia.hall@texasdermatology.org.**

GUIDELINES FOR POSTERS

Poster Size: 24 inches by 36 inches

Each poster’s PDF needs to be able to printed onto a 36” x 24” board for the competition.

Text

Text should be legible from a distance of 2-3 feet and should be succinct. It can be organized as per the diagram, with a title, an abstract, material and methods, results and conclusions. References are not necessary in a poster, but a few may be included.

Figures and Tables

These are very effective in conveying a message in a poster. Photographs enlarged to about **5"x 7" or 8"x 10"** are ideal, although smaller sizes may be used. Some information lends itself to presentation in a table format. Tables should be clear and not cluttered with data. Two neat tables are better than a single crowded one. Example below:



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