# URAD Poster Handout

## Presentation Overview

### Abstract
- Short summary of your research
- Should match what you submit with registration
- Some disciplines **DO NOT** put an abstract – check with your mentor

### Significance & Rationale
- Provides an overview of what your project entails
- Both the abstract and the intro/background should not take up more than 1 column

### Methods
- Overview of how you conducted your project
- Should be understood by an expert as well as someone with no prior experience
- May include images/diagrams

### Analysis/Results
- Highlights what your research shows
- Include graphs, charts, and images

### Discussion/Conclusion (So What?)
- Wraps up your findings
- Provides idea for future steps
- Final thought you are leaving the viewer with

### References & Acknowledgements
- Reference any citations on the poster using your field specific format
- Acknowledge your mentor, any program sponsors, and funding sources

## Posters “Do’s” & “Don’ts”

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Contact **URAD@niu.edu** with any questions.