**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

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**POSTER “DO’S” & “DON’TS”**

**DO**
- 32”x40” (URAD required size)
- Include the NIU institutional logo
- Use san serif font for title and heading
- Use a plain, solid-color background
- Have 30-40% empty space
- Use high quality charts, images, and graphs in place of words when possible

**DON’T**
- Use fancy background options
- Forget to add charts, images, and graphs
- Be text heavy
- Use overly technical language
- Forget to acknowledge those that helped you
- Use different font throughout (title, headings, font, table labels, etc.)

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