



Jean Tague Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Poster Competition CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: October 3, 2011

Notification of Acceptance: November 1, 2011

About the Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Poster Competition

This competition has been established in memory of Jean Tague-Sutcliffe, professor and former dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario (now the Faculty of Information and Media Studies). During her thirty-year career, Professor Sutcliffe's research on the measurement of information made significant contributions to the theoretical, methodological and practical foundations of library and information science. This award, established by students at UWO in 1997, also recognizes Professor Sutcliffe's dedication to the education of information professionals by awarding a certificate, a one-year student annual membership to ALISE and a \$200 cash prize to the first-place winner.

Eligibility

- Only one submission per student is permitted.
- Only doctoral students who have completed or are near completion of their doctoral dissertation research (e.g., post-proposal; the core data have been analyzed; the student is at the stage of drawing conclusions from the research findings) are eligible to enter this competition.
- Students whose posters are accepted must submit a final copy of the poster as a PDF by November 30, 2011. Failure to submit a poster at this time will result in elimination from the competition.
- Students whose posters are accepted are required to register for and attend the ALISE 2012 Conference in Dallas, TX on January 17-20, 2012.

Submission Requirements

- To enter the Jean Tague Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition, please submit a 500 word abstract either in plain text format, in PDF format, or in MS Word format to Barreau@email.unc.edu by midnight, October 3, 2011.
- All submissions must be sent to the email address listed above, with the following phrase in the subject line: *Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition*. When the submission is received, a notification will be sent in response.



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- Submissions should include the student's name, title of the research study, name of the faculty advisor, and a 500-word abstract.
- The final submission deadline is October 3, 2011, and posters are accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

Judging Criteria

Posters will be judged according to the following criteria on a scale of 1-5:

- **Practical, theoretical and statistical significance:** The discovery has broad application and benefit for practice, forwards the understanding of theory or sets important to new theoretical direction, and results are statistically significant or provide a persuasive basis for argument.
- **Design and Method:** Research design is logical and appropriate to the problem or research question(s), and method(s) of data collection and analysis are appropriate, well-described and demonstrate meaningful results.
- **Oral Presentation:** Presentations are clear and to-the-point, no longer than necessary to describe broadly the overall nature of the problem, the design and methodology, the results and their implications.
- **Organization, clarity and aesthetics of visual materials:** Posters should be well-organized, attractive, could be interpreted without oral presentation, and are coherent with oral presentation.

Poster Guidelines

The Doctoral Poster Session Co-conveners are currently evaluating potential changes to the poster guidelines pending additional information about the venue in Dallas. Students whose abstracts meet submission requirements will be notified about final sizes and formats as soon as possible.

Questions?

Please direct any questions regarding the 2012 ALISE Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition to:

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