

Complete Guide to Judging Chambliss Student Posters

Thank you for volunteering to judge posters for the Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Awards. Your efforts are valuable to making this important competition a success!

Overall Guidelines

Chambliss judges are responsible for ensuring a professional atmosphere while judging each poster, consistent with the following AAS guidelines and policies — please be sure to read (or re-read) them before the meeting:

Guide to Meeting Etiquette(<https://aas.org/policies/meeting-etiquette>)

Code of Ethics (<https://aas.org/policies/ethics>)

Anti-Harassment Policy (<https://aas.org/policies/anti-harassment-policy>)

As a reminder, all Chambliss entrants are students! This makes them very early-career presenters. Chambliss judges should be especially wary of harassing and/or appearing to harass these students. For example, you should avoid asking them overly challenging or potentially humiliating questions. Additionally, if a student entrant is, for example, sitting down while speaking to you about their work, do not look at this as a lack of professionalism — perhaps they have a non-apparent disability or injury or other reason why they need to sit rather than stand. Please also bear in mind that any number of factors including ability could affect perception of presentation and comportment (e.g., physical tremors, losing train of thought, forgetting words). So, please be gracious and encouraging to our students at all times. Being a Chambliss entrant should be a positive and welcoming experience for these students, many of whom will have not attended a previous AAS meeting nor will have previously presented their work in such a public forum; help convey that we respect their efforts and are proud to have them be a part of our community!

Due to how important this competition is to our students, you are responsible for:

1. Knowing on which days each of the posters you are judging will be presented;
2. Knowing the times of the Poster Sessions;
3. Knowing students are required to be present at their posters to talk with judges ONLY during Poster Sessions on their presentation day; and
4. Making every effort possible to follow through with the actual judging of your assigned posters.

Judging Days and Times

You may view your assigned student posters whenever you wish throughout the day they are featured. However, Chambliss entrants are required to be at their posters ONLY during Poster Sessions on their presentation day. Make sure you visit their posters during these times. You will not be able to complete your score sheets without speaking with each of your assigned students about their work.

Identify Yourself as a Judge!

You must identify yourself as a judge when evaluating posters – there is NO anonymous judging.

So, (1) wear your Chambliss Judge button and (2) introduce yourself as a Chambliss Judge to each student before you begin judging – students will expect you to do both!

How to Judge Posters

To also help ensure that all students are judged as equally as possible, we have two items for you to use while judging: 1) an online set of questions to ask students and 2) a online scoring rubric. Ask each of your assigned Chambliss entrants each of the questions. There is only one scoring rubric for graduate students and undergraduate students, but, students are judged separately in these two categories. Make sure you ask each student whether they are a graduate or undergraduate student.

Reporting Your Scores

Enter your scores online before 10:00 pm local meeting time on Wednesday.

What You Do When a Student Isn't at Their Poster

Judges who do not find their assigned students at their posters during their scheduled judging times (see above) should assign a score of zero to the student and enter this score online.

Final Scores and Determining Winners

Judges' score sheets will not be shared with other judges nor with students. AAS staff will tally scores and choose winners in both the undergraduate- and graduate-student categories.