

**2025 Great Plains Water Conference**  
**"Securing Water Resources for Tomorrow"**  
**Student Poster Competition Rules**

**September 18 and 19, 2025**  
Milo Bail Student Center, University of Nebraska Omaha Campus

**Hosted by the Nebraska Water Center**  
**Register at [go.unl.edu/GPWC](https://go.unl.edu/GPWC)**

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for the monetary competition.

**The following information will be required at registration:**

- Name of presenter
- Presenter's complete contact information (phone, email, mailing address)
- Name of college or university the presenter attends
- Name(s) of others closely affiliated with presenter's work
- Poster title
- Up to 5 keywords
- Abstract of the research not to exceed 150 words. Include the state of work: completed or in-progress.

Posters should be no more than 48 inches wide x 36 inches high and printed in landscape orientation for competition. Smallest font size: 16

The schedule and format for the poster competition will be provided to participating students once registration closes. The competition format will include presentations to conference attendees and a panel of judges. Poster finalists may be asked to give an elevator speech-style presentation about their research during the reception.

Judging criteria for competition are as follows:

- Visual Appeal – Overall appearance of poster, attractiveness, draws the viewer in—20%
- Content – Enough to describe the research but not so much it's more an article than a poster. Effective use of visuals such as photos, graphs/charts—20%
- Organization – Logical, layout that adds to message conveyance—20%
- Abstract – Accurately and succinctly summarizes the poster (may be in program but not on poster, or both)—20%
- Conversation – Ability of student to describe and discuss work—20%

Prizes will be announced during the conference reception on Thursday, September 18. Winners will be required to be available at that time to accept prizes and have their photographs taken.

Prizes to be awarded:

- First Place, 2025 Great Plains Water Conference Student Poster Competition -- \$500
- Second Place, 2025 Great Plains Water Conference Student Poster Competition -- \$300
- Third Place, 2025 Great Plains Water Conference Student Poster Competition -- \$200
- Fourth Place, 2025 Great Plains Water Conference Student Poster Competition -- \$100
- Fifth Place, 2025 Great Plains Water Conference Student Poster Competition -- \$100

To receive their monetary awards, winners will be required to provide their social security number or their UNL Personnel Number if currently paid by UNL. The prizes are taxable income.

To register for the Student Poster Competition, visit [go.unl.edu/GPWC](https://go.unl.edu/GPWC).

Questions? Contact Tricia Liedle, Nebraska Water Center, at 402-472-3305 or [pliedle@nebraska.edu](mailto:pliedle@nebraska.edu).