



## AIMS 2026 Scientific Poster Session

### Attention Students:

The Arizona Imaging and Microanalysis Society annual meeting is scheduled for **Friday April 17, 2026 at SkySong**. We would like to invite any undergraduate, or graduate student who uses microscopy to visualize their research to present a poster at the conference. There will be **8 poster awards (1st: \$150, 2nd: \$100)** for the best **light** and **EM based posters in both undergraduate and graduate/post-doc categories**. You can register and submit your abstract online at <http://azmicroscopy.org>. You must **register in advance** to enter the poster competition and to have admission to the conference and luncheon. Your **poster abstract must be submitted by March 8<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the conference program. Abstracts should include the title, authors, and affiliation, and be less than 500 words with no images or referenced citations included in the text. Below are the poster guidelines and evaluation criteria for the competition. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to submit your abstract to me directly at [page.baluch@asu.edu](mailto:page.baluch@asu.edu).

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**Student Poster Guidelines**  
Students must be or have been an undergraduate student, graduate student, or employed as a postdoc during the academic year of the meeting.

2. The work must consist of original research authored by the participant and be co-authored by his/her advisor.
3. The poster must be formatted to fit within an area of 48 inches wide by 48 inches high.
4. The poster should contain: title, author and affiliation, abstract, introduction, methods and materials, results, discussion, figures and legends, and references.

### Award Evaluation Criteria:

The AIMS judges will use the following criteria to evaluate the student posters:

1. Scientific merit
2. Soundness of the research proposal
3. Experimental design and thoroughness of investigation
4. Validation of conclusions
5. Application of microscopy/microanalysis in answering the experimental question
6. Quality of micrographs/images/data
7. Presentation
8. Diversity of instrumentation and technique
9. Clarity and quality of writing
10. Grammatical correctness