

Call for Abstracts

*Student Research Poster contest &
25th Annual SW Florida Water Resources Conference*
January 15, 2016

The conference brings together researchers, managers, agency staff, consultants, and other interested parties to discuss ongoing scientific research and innovative projects, to share ideas, and to increase awareness of the issues of water supply, water use efficiency, waterbody protection, watershed health, and environmental sustainability facing Florida

This student research poster contest is open to all Florida students and students conducting research in Florida. We seek abstracts in any of a wide range of topics pertaining to the field of water resources.

**Visit the Conference website for more information and to submit your abstract online:
www.awra.caloosahatchee.org**

Topics: This year's Conference theme is the future of water resources in Southwest Florida, but we invite posters on any and all research topics within the broad field water resources. Posters are welcome in disciplinary and multidisciplinary topics including:

- Water quality science and engineering
- Watershed management strategies – for water quality protection and for hydrological impacts
- Aquatic ecosystems and organisms; impacts on ecosystems of human activities
- Watershed hydrology
- Groundwater hydrology; aquifer contamination and remediation
- Storm water management for development projects and for municipalities
- Water resources policy and management; sustainable watershed management
- Fisheries management and habitat restoration
- Lakes, wetlands, flowing waters, and estuaries
- Remediation, restoration and cleanup projects
- Water resources impacts of natural resource extraction
- Land use, BMPs, and water resources planning and protection strategies
- And others.

Submission

To be considered for inclusion in the poster presentation and contest, please go to the link given below to connect to the abstract submittal form.

ABSTRACTS SHOULD BE BETWEEN 250 AND 400 WORDS, AND MUST BE RECEIVED VIA THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE BY **DECEMBER 4, 2015**.

Abstracts received after the deadline may not be accepted.

Review

After the December 4 submission deadline, abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Organizing Committee, and we will invite posters from abstracts we accept. We will look for abstracts that are well-written, describe strong research methods and findings, and relate in some way to one of the many fields of water resources.

Notification of Acceptance and Proceedings

Acceptance notification will be made via email to the student author by **DECEMBER 22, 2015**.

All accepted abstracts will be published in a Conference Proceedings to be distributed at the Conference. Electronic versions of the Proceedings will be made available on the Conference web site and on the home sites of American Water Resources Association, Florida section (www.fl-awra.org) and the other host institutions. The web site will also announce contest winners.

Schedule

Students accepted for the contest will present their posters at the 25th Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference on Friday, January 15, 2016. Posters can be set up between 7:30 and 9:30 AM, and are expected to be available for viewing from 10 AM to 2 PM. The conference will include several breaks set aside specifically for attendees to view posters. We will announce the times when students need to be with their posters for judging. Winners will be announced by 3 PM.

Student presenters are expected to be with their posters during the breaks, but are free to attend the technical sessions at other times. This conference is a great learning and networking opportunity for students, so we hope you will take advantage of the technical sessions as well.

Contest

Posters will be judged by the Poster Judging Technical Committee for their research ideas and objectives; research design and methods; poster organization, clarity, and presentation; students' understanding of the topic; and relevance to the field of water resources. Authors of winning posters will be recognized as AWRA Student Research Award winners, and receive cash prizes of \$400, \$300, and \$200 for First, Second, and Third Place in each of two categories: Graduate Student and Undergraduate / Secondary Student.

For questions or any further details please contact Don Duke, Professor of Environmental Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University, at ldduke@fgcu.edu or 239-590-7542. Sponsorship and exhibit opportunities are also available for this conference.

The 25th Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference is hosted by:

American Society of Civil Engineers, Southwest Florida section
American Water Resources Association, Florida section
Audubon of Southwest Florida
Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association
Florida Engineering Society
Florida Gulf Coast University
Southwest Florida Association of Environmental Professionals
Watershed Council of Southwest Florida