

# 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CSTEP STATEWIDE STUDENT CONFERENCE

APRIL 12-14, 2013 AT THE SAGAMORE ON LAKE GEORGE - BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK

## Call for Poster Competition Judges

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### CONFERENCE HISTORY

CSTEP is an academic enrichment program designed to foster students' success in preparing for professional licensure or careers in the scientific, technical, or health-related fields. The conference began in 1992 as a way to showcase the research experiences of CSTEP students. Approximately 600 students and staff attend the conference each year from the more than 50 CSTEP programs across the state of New York.

### POSTER COMPETITION

The Poster Competition is the centerpiece of the conference. This competition acknowledges the individual students' academic achievement, knowledge and acquired research and presentation skills. The Poster Competition takes place on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The competition has averaged just over 110 posters for the last several conferences.

### INFORMATION FOR JUDGES

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**Selection:** Judges must be nominated by a CSTEP staff member. Judges will be selected based on their academic background and experience in the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Human Services, Technology, Physical Sciences or the Licensed Professions. Priority will be given to faculty in the targeted fields, and particularly those with prior experience in judging.

**Responsibilities:** Presenters will be divided topically into groups of up to 8 posters and judges will be assigned in pairs to each group. Judging teams will be sent their group's abstracts for review prior to the conference. At *The Sagamore*, the judging takes place during a 90-minute closed session Saturday morning. Posters are judged based on a rubric provided to all presenters and judges prior to the conference. **All judges will be expected to attend the judges meeting held at on Friday, April 12 at 9:30p.m.**

**Remuneration:** Judges are provided with two (2) nights of accommodation, an honorarium of \$200.00, and meals. Unfortunately, the conference **does not** cover room and meal expenses for any guest(s) you may choose to bring. If you plan to bring along guests, we will provide a guest registration form. The hotel will charge for guests added to rooms and the conference will charge for guest meals. Please note, any judge who is also a CSTEP staff member will not receive an honorarium and will be responsible for their conference registration fee. Judges who are not CSTEP staff are not required to pay the registration fee.

**TO NOMINATE A JUDGE:**

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Please submit the online Nomination Form using the link below. We ask that nominations be made by CSTEP staff. CSTEP staff wishing to serve as judges can self-nominate. Nominations must include the category in which the judge would prefer to serve (see list below). These preferences will be used to assign judges to posters appropriate to their areas of expertise. **Due date is February 8, 2013.** The selection notification date will be in late February of 2013.

**When submitting nominations online, please have the following information ready for input:**

Name of Nominated Judge	Nominee Email Address
Title of Nominee	Nominator's Name
Institution of Nominee	Nominator's Institution
Preferred Categories	Nominator's Email

**The poster categories are as follows:**

Biochemistry	Geology	Nanotechnology
Biology	Health & Wellness	Physics
Cell Biology	Human Services	Psychology
Chemistry	Immunology	Public Health
Computer Science	Materials Science	Social Sciences
Education	Mathematics	Technology
Engineering	Medicine	Virology
Environmental Sci.	Microbiology	Zoology
Genetics	Molecular Biology	

**Please submit your Nomination Form online:**

**<http://bit.ly/CSTEPJudgeNomination2013>**

**For questions, please email Sean Partridge, Poster Committee Chair (partrisc@potSDam.edu)**

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Selection notification will be in late February, 2013**