Ohio Healthy Homes Network is inviting you to submit an oral session or poster abstract proposal for the 2025 Ohio Healthy Homes Network Annual Conference, taking place on April 18th, 2025. This year’s event will be held at the Fawcett Center on The Ohio State University campus, Columbus, OH.

The 2025 OHHN conference theme will be “Housing as a safe space: creating healthier communities”. OHHN as an organization is invested in the following topics and submissions should be focused on the following areas: indoor environmental quality, home weatherization, lead, mold, asbestos, radon, aging in home, and other healthy home initiatives. We want to hear more about the work you are doing to make Ohio healthier and provide a space for colleagues to share and collaborate. Join us and share your expertise! We look forward to hearing from you.

**Oral session proposals:** must include planned subject matter and brief description of the idea, problem, action/concepts related to the topic. Oral sessions will be for a one-hour time frame. Please include primary contact name, title/organization, and contact information. Proposals can be submitted in a Word document format and should not exceed 250 words.

**Research poster abstract proposals:** must include background or introductory information, aim, methods, the results of the research/program, and a brief discussion/conclusion. Please include primary contact name, title/organization, and contact information. Proposals can be submitted in a Word document format and should not exceed 250 words.

**Programmatic poster abstract proposals:** must include how the problem was recognized and studied, description of intervention, results to date, and discussion/lessons learned. Please include primary contact name, title/organization, and contact information. Proposals can be submitted in a Word document format and should not exceed 250 words.

Submissions should be sent to: Fred.Strahorn@OHHN.org. ALL proposals are due by 11/22/24. Notifications of acceptance will be sent via email by 1/10/24.

Questions? Email Fred.Strahorn@OHHN.org.

Posters will be on display for the entirety of the conference with a dedicated half hour for the poster session/Q&A. All session presenters will be required to register for the conference estimated at $70 per person. Scholarships based on need are available.

For additional information about the poster abstract format, please review the attached guidelines/information for submitting a poster abstract below.

**Poster Presentations- helpful hints and information**

**What is a Research Poster?**

Posters are widely used in the academic community, and most conferences include poster presentations in their program.  Research posters summarize information or research concisely and attractively to help publicize it and generate discussion.

The poster is usually a mixture of a brief text mixed with tables, graphs, pictures, and other presentation formats. At a conference, the researcher can stand by the poster display while other participants can come and view the presentation and interact with the author.

**Poster Design Guides and Tips**

* [Poster Basics - How to Create a Research Poster - Research Guides at New York University (nyu.edu)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/guides.nyu.edu/posters/poster-basics__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSKgQdvUbA$)
* [How to make an academic poster in powerpoint (youtube.com)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.youtube.com/watch?v=_WnhoIbfcoM__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSKTxeB_og$)
* [Academic Posters](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/getready.napier.ac.uk/pages/how-to-succeed.php%2Atopic__;Iw!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSI4YnkNqg$)

Edinburgh Napier University student success how-to guide for academic posters.

* [Designing Conference Posters](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http%3A/colinpurrington.com/tips/academic/posterdesign__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSKFj7KE4A$)

Colin Purrington, a PhD and former professor, breaks down how to design conference posters and a list of do's and don'ts.

* [Creating an Effective Scientific Poster (PDF)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.uoguelph.ca/ib/sites/uoguelph.ca.ib/files/public/Creating%2A20an%2A20Effective%2A20Scientific%2A20Poster.pdf__;JSUlJQ!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSKHC-07PA$)

University of Guelph, Integrative Biology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2011/2012. Covers preparation, design principles, software guide, and a checklist for assessing your poster.

* [Poster Presentations: Designing Effective Posters](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/research.lib.buffalo.edu/poster-presentations__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSKOoRjTvw$)

University at Buffalo research guide by Fred Stoss, Biological Sciences Librarian.

**Free PowerPoint Templates**

* [Genigraphics](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http%3A/www.genigraphics.com/templates/default.asp__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSKKvVcUCw$)
* [MakeSigns.com](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http%3A/www.makesigns.com/SciPosters_Templates.aspx__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSLvdqpCXA$)
* [Poster Presentations](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.posterpresentations.com/free-poster-templates.html__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSIWXgS6NA$)

**Abstracts**

* [How to write a good abstract for a scientific paper or conference presentation - PMC (nih.gov)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3136027/__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSJFUOxDIA$)
* [How to Write A Conference Abstract in 30 minutes that gets accepted in the sciences ft. Lishu in Dev - YouTube](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkOgfjqM2EI__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSL0DNR2EA$)    Start at 0:50
* [Tips for Writing Conference Paper Abstracts - Department of History - NC State (ncsu.edu)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/history.ncsu.edu/grad/conference_abstracts.php__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSKvDuwwxg$)
* [How-To(sday): How to Write a Paper or Conference Proposal Abstract - The Professor Is In](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/theprofessorisin.com/2011/07/12/how-tosday-how-to-write-a-paper-abstract/__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSLvvvmLCw$)

**Quick Tips**



[Scientific poster presentation: Tips to create a scientific poster for your conference | Researcher.Life](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/researcher.life/blog/article/create-scientific-poster-presentations-for-your-next-conference/__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSLUc8HDfw$)

**Use sections with headers.** Because we are writing with the reader in mind, we want to make the logical flow of the sections as easy as possible for the viewer to follow. Have large, easy-to-read and numbered sections that cover the main pillars of the story, which typically are:

* + **1** – Background
	+ **2** – Questions / knowledge gap
	+ **3** – Methods (keep this to the bare minimum or skip it if you can)
	+ **4** – Results
	+ **5** – Conclusions
	+ **6** – References and acknowledgements (smaller at the bottom)

**Less words.** Keep your word count under 250 in total. Possibly <150 words. The harsh reality is that if your poster is wordy, people will ignore it. Less is definitely more.

[How to design an award-winning scientific conference poster (animateyour.science)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.animateyour.science/post/how-to-design-an-award-winning-conference-poster__;!!NiUAmZJ8c1GNWg!RKLlQQNASWjYPvHjtko5gc4znzrGdOw1-VVuI3p1L7UNC_76DSeA0LIGsKHZ_4QIjqNanMCE1uHBatOupAPxVxiRmSI-1SZ20A$)