

## **Michigan Psychological Association Student Poster Session Judging Criteria**

### **Professionalism**

- Visual presentation (neatness, clarity, eye-catching, APA format)
- Audience interaction (approachable, able to field questions)
- Project availability (well-organized and concise handouts for distribution)

### **Conceptualization**

- Identified theoretical basis of project
- Recognition of prior research that provides a clear contextual framework
- Identified hypotheses with rationale that describes clinical and social relevance

### **Methodology**

- Identified demographics of same/intended population, including attention to diversity factors if appropriate
- Research process follows APA ethical standards
- Clear description of study design
- Appropriateness of design for testing hypotheses
- Description of data collection method(s)
- Description of methods for data analysis
- For qualitative research, description of methods or checks used to ensure trustworthiness of study (specific criteria noted below)
- Appropriateness of statistical analyses
- Adequate report of statistical results

### **Conclusions**

- Relates findings to initial hypotheses/existing literature
- Addresses limitations of design or theory
- Summarizes the meaning, implications and application of findings
- Provides direction and recommendations for future research

### **Overall Value**

- Innovative/original
- Potential to advance current knowledge base
- Ability to spark further research

### **Trustworthiness (Qualitative Research)**

- Research and findings are credible/believable
- Research process and findings are transferable/can be applied
- Results are dependable and consistent over time
- Findings accurately reflect the participants
- Participant perspectives are presented authentically

- Use of research methodology is coherent/appropriate to the purpose of the study
- Sampling methods and size are congruent with the design of the study
- Research is substantively valid, makes a worthwhile contribution
- Research design is creative (novel, flexible)