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## AAPD 2026 Research Poster Session FAQs

**Q: Who can submit an abstract to present a poster?**

**A:** Pediatric Dental Residents, Pre-doctoral Dental Students, Other (e.g. faculty, residents from other specialties)

**Q: Do I have to be a member of AAPD to present a poster?**

**A:** Yes

**Q: Who is eligible to compete for awards?**

**A: Research Poster Competition**

Only Pediatric Dental Residents are eligible to compete for this award.

**Resident Research Award (RRA)**

Current pediatric dentistry residents or graduates of a pediatric dentistry residency training program, having received their certificate or degree within twelve (12) months prior to the RRA abstract application deadline and an active member in good standing of AAPD, are eligible for this award.

**Q: I'm not a resident, I'm a dental hygienist/nurse practitioner/etc. Can I still present my research?**

**A:** Yes, you can present your poster, but not participate in the poster competition.

**Q: My results won't be ready by January when the abstracts are due, is that okay?**

**A:** Maybe. Final data is required for RRA submissions in January. However, all other submission categories can note "Final Data Pending"

**Q: When is my poster due?**

**A:** Abstracts are due January 14, 2026. Assuming it is accepted, the actual ePoster is not due until April 22, 2026.

**Q: My poster was selected, what else do I have to do in order to attend the conference?**

**A:** Register for the meeting. Submitting an abstract or a poster does **NOT** register you for AAPD 2026 Annual Session. You must register for the conference in addition to abstract/poster submission.

**Q: I can't present my poster on Friday/Saturday at Annual Session because...**

**A:** We can make exceptions for religious reasons, but generally once the schedule is made it cannot be changed.

**Q: What format should I save my poster in?**

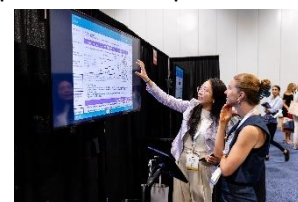
**A:** Posters must be in landscape, aspect ratio of 2:1, and saved as a PDF. No printed posters are required. This is an ePoster session. See photo.

**Q: Are case studies allowed to compete?**

**A:** No. You can submit and present your poster at Annual Session, but not compete.

**Q: We have 3 authors contributing to our research/poster, is that ok?**

**A:** Yes, you can have multiple co-authors on your poster, but only one person can actually present.



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