

Terms and Conditions

1. These are the full terms and conditions for the ***LabLinks and CatSci PhD Student Virtual Poster Competition: The Scientists of Tomorrow, Innovating Today! 2022 ('The Poster Competition')***.
2. By submitting an abstract (250 words), you are confirming that you have read and accept these terms.
3. "The Organisers" of this competition are a) CatSci Ltd, CBTC2, Capital Business Park, Wentloog, Cardiff, CF3 2PX, UK, and b) LabLinks Ltd, CBTC2, Capital Business Park, Wentloog, Cardiff, CF3 2PX, UK.
4. This competition is open to all residents around the world that are PhD Final Year Students. Entrants should note that evidence of eligibility may be required and use of false information will result in disqualification from the competition.
5. By entering the competition, the entrant(s) warrant to The Organisers that: a. the entry is an original work, created solely by the individual entrant and that all authors have reviewed and approved it, and b. the entry does not infringe the copyright or other intellectual property rights of any third party.
6. To enter the competition, entrants must create and submit a suitable abstract of maximum 250 words with a focus on chemistry but with no limitations with regards to topic. If the entrant's abstract is selected as a finalist, participants must then design a poster based on the abstract in the format specified, which they will then virtually present.
7. Entries cannot be unfinished at the time of entry. The Organisers will not allow entries to be amended at a later date, so please submit completed abstract/posters only.
8. If faces or persons appear in the photos or illustrations, the participant declares that they are authorised to publish the picture by these third parties.
9. The Organisers are not responsible for the publication of faces or images of third parties who have not been informed, and the entrant will be held responsible and

accountable for any criminal or administrative action that may apply to the proper authorities.

- 10.** The Organisers reserve the right to remove images and/or designs if they contain offensive, advertising, or malicious content, which are not related to the subject in question, or violate the constitution of the law.
- 11.** In case of violation of copyright, The Organisers and sponsor disclaim any responsibility.
- 12.** The file must be free of viruses or malware. If a virus or a malicious program is found, the application will be rejected.
- 13.** The shortlist, winner and runner up of the Poster Competition will be notified in the first instance by email/ phone number, to the email address and telephone number provided during the submission process within 20 days of the submission date of 15/12/21. If any person cannot be contacted within 5 working days, the entry may be declared void and a new participant chosen.
- 14.** Entries must be submitted no later than 23:59 GMT on Wednesday 15th December 2021 by using the provided registration form.
- 15.** The Organisers cannot accept responsibility for entries which are not received, or which are received after the closing date due to technical failure or for any other reason.
- 16.** There will be one first prize winner, who will win The CatSci Award. This includes a cash prize of £1000 GBP, or the equivalent in their resident country currency. The prize will be sent via bank transfer; the winner's bank may process a handling fee for this payment, which is between the winner and their bank, and not CatSci, LabLinks or the Poster Competition. Along with the prize of £1000, the first place winner will also receive the opportunity to present their winning poster at a future CatSci Ltd symposium. CatSci Ltd reserve the right to choose the symposium for the presentation.
- 17.** There will be one runner up prize, known as The LabLinks Award. This includes a cash prize of £500 GBP, or the equivalent in their resident country currency. The prize will be sent via bank transfer; the winner's bank may process a handling fee

for this payment, which is between the winner and their bank, and not CatSci, LabLinks, or the Poster Competition.

18. The Organisers are not liable for any applicable taxes of the prizes.
19. It is not possible to exchange or replace the prizes.
20. The Organisers reserve the right to substitute any or all components of the prize for another of equivalent value in the event that the original prize offered is not available.
21. No entries provided by agencies or third parties will be allowed.
22. Any entry can be refused, and The Organisers reserve the right not to award any prize if the entries do not meet the requirements as determined by the judges.
23. The decision of the competition judges will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
24. The Organisers shall not be liable for any costs associated with participating in the Poster Competition.
25. There is no entry fee and no purchase necessary to enter this competition. Access to email and the internet will be required to enter.
26. This competition is not open to employees/current serving Board or Committee members, or immediate family members of employees/current serving Board or Committee members of The Organisers, agents of the Organisers, or any third party directly associated with administration of the competition, or their families or agents.
27. All references to abstracts and/ or posters in these terms and conditions include any image, file type or format which may be used to submit an abstract and poster for the purposes of this competition.
28. Important Dates:
 - Abstract submissions open:** 17/11/2021
 - Abstract submissions deadline:** 15/12/2021 23:59 GMT
 - Shortlist notification:** by 23/12/2021
 - Poster submission deadline:** 07/02/2022
 - Finals (Virtual Poster Competition):** 15/02/2022
 - Winner and Runner Up announcement:** 20/02/2022

29. Only one entry is allowed per PhD student.
30. If there are any duplicate entries, then only the first submitted version will be accepted.
31. In order to participate, you must note the following: you must register for the event, submit your abstract and accept the terms and conditions.
32. Abstract Submission Guidelines:

Title of Presentation, Century Gothic 16 point, bold

Author(s) First and Last Name (including the Principal Investigator), Century Gothic, 14 point, italic

Complete Affiliation(s) of the Authors, Century Gothic, 14 point, italic

Email, Century Gothic, 14 point, italic

Text. Century Gothic 12 point, normal

- One page abstract (including figures), 250 words maximum
- Single spacing is preferred
- Table of contents-type graphic is encouraged
- Do not change margins
- Acknowledgements (if necessary)
- References should be formatted in the ACS style
- The author's name should be asterisked
- The name of the Principal Investigator should be included
- Please remember to include all the author names as you wish them to appear in the competition's collateral
- Please include your full name in the saved title of your abstract
- If a graphic/table of contents is included, the following guidelines should be followed:
 - This graphic should capture the reader's attention and, in conjunction with the manuscript title, should give the reader a quick visual impression of the essence of the manuscript without providing specific results
 - The graphic should be simple, but informative
 - The graphic should uphold the standards of a scholarly, professional publication
 - The graphic should not include a photograph, drawing, or caricature of any person, living or deceased
 - Do not include postage stamps or currency from any country, or trademarked items (company logos, images, and products)
 - The graphic should be in the form of a structure, graph, drawing, photograph, or scheme—or a combination
 - Text should usually be limited to the labelling of compounds, reaction arrows, and diagrams

- Submit the graphic at the actual size to be used for the TOC so that it will fit in an area no larger than 3.25 inches by 1.75 inches (approx. 8.25 cm by 4.45 cm)
- Use a Sans Serif font type, such as Helvetica, preferably at 8 pt. but no smaller than 6 pt. Do not make the reader strain to read it. The type should be of high quality in order to reproduce well
- The graphic file should be saved as either:
 - TIFF at 300 dpi for colour, and at 1200 dpi for black and white.
 - EPS in RGB document colour mode, with all fonts converted to outlines or embedded in the file.
- Print out the graphic to check if it is of good quality.

33. Submissions are all to have a title.

34. The Organisers respect the rights of the author but may use photos and designs of the winning projects, without payment, in disseminating campaigns related to the competition, indicating the authorship and acknowledgements.

35. The acceptance of the terms and conditions of The Poster Competition implies that The Organisers can use all that is presented to the competition, including pictures, designs, graphics, and audio-visual media. The participants accept that their abstract and posters may be used in social and commercial connections with the purpose to promote further events of LabLinks Ltd and/ or CatSci Ltd. At all times, the authorship of the abstract and poster will be recognised, along with acknowledgements.

36. The Organisers gather identification data, which can be used to send information on events, courses, and promotions that The Organisers develop periodically to provide information to those who are interested. If a participant wishes to unsubscribe from the databases and no longer receive information, please send an email to support@lablinks.io and marketing@catsci.com Subject: UNSUBSCRIBE.

37. The selection and rewarding of the winning entries will be based on their oral presentation, flow of layout, clarity of the graphics, and the balance between text, figures and space.

- oral presentation /5
- flow of layout /3

- clarity of the graphics /3
 - balance /2
- 38.** From all valid entries, a shortlist will be compiled. The shortlist entrants will be required to design a poster (guidelines will follow with notification) and virtually attend the finals online to present to the panel of judges and the public.
 - 39.** Entrants must be available to attend on the 15th February 2022 to present if they are selected as finalists.
 - 40.** The first prize winner and the runner up will be chosen from the shortlist finalists presenting at the Virtual Poster Competition Day on the 15th February 2022.
 - 41.** The first place winner and the runner up will be decided by a combination of public and judges' votes. The judges vote will count for 80% and the public vote will count for 20% of the final decision.
 - 42.** The winner and runner up will be notified by 20th February 2022 via email and/or telephone using the contact details provided at the point of submission. If any person cannot be contacted within 5 working days, the entry may be declared void and a new winner chosen.
 - 43.** The winner and runner up may be required to attend a virtual prize presentation event.
 - 44.** The Organisers reserve the right to change the date of the finals by giving the shortlist finalist 15 days' notice.
 - 45.** The judges' decision is final.