

2025 COMMUNITY COLLEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE



STUDENT INNOVATION POSTER SESSION GUIDELINES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

The Community College Innovation Challenge (CCIC) Boot Camp will feature an opportunity for the finalist teams to showcase their challenge projects as part of a special poster session and reception to take place at a location to be determined on Capitol Hill. Congressional members, STEM leaders, key congressional staff, and other guests will be invited to engage with the finalist teams to learn about their ideas and proposed solutions. The event will also provide an opportunity for the CCIC judges to view the posters and to interact with each team as part of the judging criteria for selecting the competition winners.

Poster Session & Reception Schedule

The Student Innovation Poster Session & Reception will take place on Tuesday, June 10 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. AACC will provide a shuttle bus to the the venue on Capitol Hill from the Royal Sonesta for CCIC participants. The tentative schedule for the event is as follows:

3:15 pm	Buses Depart the Hotel for the Event Venue
3:45 pm	Teams Arrive & Set-Up Posters
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Student Innovation Poster Session & Reception
7:00 – 7:15 pm	Teams Take Down Posters
7:30 pm	Buses Return to Hotel

Poster Preparation

Each CCIC finalist team is required to create a poster for the Student Innovation Poster Session with the following content:

- ◆ Title of project, team name, and name of community college
- ◆ The team's community problem
- ◆ Research steps taken to study the problem
- ◆ Two or three main results from research
- ◆ Proposed solution

Poster Session Display Information

- ◆ Each finalist team will be allotted one 36" high x 48" wide display board, pushpins and/or adhesive to affix their poster; and an easel on which to display their board.
- ◆ Posters must fit within the 36" x 48" display board space. Posters do not need to fill that space, but they cannot exceed the 36" x 48" display board area.
- ◆ Student teams are responsible for mounting their posters to the display boards at the Boot Camp, transporting them on the bus to Capitol Hill, and removing the posters when the reception ends.
- ◆ Posters should be printed on thin poster paper or laminated paper to ensure it can be affixed to the display board and stay in position for viewing.
- ◆ All materials must be prepared (printed) and "poster ready" in advance of arriving to the CCIC Boot Camp. Printers will not be available.
- ◆ No other display materials are to be used during the Student Innovation Poster Session. Only the printed poster, affixed to the display board, will be allowed for the poster session.

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Poster Formatting Suggestions

- ◆ **DIMENSIONS:** Each poster should be no larger than 36" high x 48" wide; text must be large enough to be easily read from 3 feet away.
- ◆ **DESIGN:** The top of the poster should consist of a large, easy-to-read title of your project, team name, and name of your community college. We suggest that title lettering be 1.5 to 2 inches in height.
- ◆ **FONT:** The minimum font size for poster text should be no less than 20-point font, but a 24-point font is preferred.
- ◆ **VISUALS:** Photographs, graphs, graphics, or other "art" that illustrate your project are an important aspect of the poster. Graphical information is often easier to process quickly than text information. Look for creative ways to graphically or visually explain your project, the community problem, and your solution.
- ◆ **COLORS:** Please note that black/dark text on a white/light background is easier to read than light text on a dark background. Consider using a color-blind friendly color palette.

Student Team Member Original Work

All poster elements must be the original work of the student team members. Faculty and administrator team mentors may be used to provide advice and guidance only.

Student Innovation Poster Session Team Confirmation Form

To participate in the Student Innovation Poster Session, each team is required to complete the **Team Confirmation & Project Abstract form** (one form per team) by the deadline of **Friday, May 9**.

The form will ask each team to provide a short abstract for the Student Innovation Poster Session & Reception program. Abstracts should provide a brief description (no more than 200 words) of the team's project. Examples of abstracts from past competitions are available in the Boot Camp resources.

Questions?

For any questions, please contact Courtney Larson at **clarson@aacc.nche.edu** or the general CCIC staff email at **ccic@aacc.nche.edu**.

