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## **Student Poster Competition**

Annual Conference of the California Geographical Society  
April 27– April 29, 2012; Davis, California

The California Geographical Society invites students - undergraduate *and* graduate - to share, and be rewarded for, their scholarly work at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the California Geographical Society, hosted this year on the campus of The University of California at Davis, from April 27– April 29, 2012. The CGS offers a serious and supportive environment for students to display and discuss their research posters. A panel of geographers will judge all entries. Students entering posters in the competition *must* be present during the judging period (time TBA) to be eligible for an award. Winners will be announced and cash awarded during the CGS Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

### **Awards**

*Joe Beaton Professional Poster Awards*

- Three total awards for undergraduates and graduates (\$125, \$100, and \$75)

### **Poster Judging Criteria**

1. **Abstract:** A succinct project overview, including purpose and methodology, should be clearly displayed on the poster.
2. **Geographic Content and Analysis:** A good poster presentation is lucidly presented in logical sequence and includes an abstract, introduction, statement of purpose, results section, conclusion, and works cited section.
3. **Graphics:** Use of student-generated visual elements is encouraged, including photos, diagrams, graphs, tables, or maps. If these elements are not created by the presenter, their sources should be clearly cited on the poster, wherever the elements occur *and* in the "Works Cited" section.
4. **Design and Presentation:** A good poster presentation is designed creatively with an appropriate balance between text and graphic content. The information should be presented with a clear visual hierarchy. Overall, the presentation should be both effective and aesthetic.
5. **Check-in and Judging:** Presenters should check-in Saturday morning between 8:00-8:30 AM at the display area (location TBA in final conference program). At this time, presenters must schedule a 30-minute judging window to ensure that judges and presenters have the opportunity to interact.

### **Entering the Competition**

1. Register for the conference (required for all presenters). See [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) for details.
2. Submit a title and abstract for your poster using the online submission form at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org).
3. **Deadline for submission is:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

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