The Purdue Autism Research Conference announces its call for poster presentations for the 2018 conference, to be held October 18 at the Purdue University Stewart Center. Additional information about the conference can be found at www.conf.purdue.edu/Autism2018. The conference will include a series of keynote and symposia sessions by researchers in diverse fields related to autism, ranging from basic to applied sciences. Featured keynote speakers include Dr. Connie Kasari, an expert in social and communication interventions for children with autism, and Dr. David Amaral, an expert in biomedical and neural characteristics of autism. The conference is open to researchers, students and community members at and beyond Purdue University, with registration and poster submission portals opening June 20, 2018. Posters will be presented during an hors d’œuvre reception at the conclusion of the conference. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three student posters ($200, $100, $50). All students involved in a poster submission (first author or coauthor, from Purdue or elsewhere) may register for the conference at no cost. Non-Purdue students who submit first-author poster presentations may also apply for a $100 scholarship to defer travel costs.

Poster Eligibility: The poster first author must be a degree-seeking student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program. Students both within and outside of Purdue University are eligible to submit posters. Students may submit only one first-author poster but may co-author multiple submissions. Faculty may serve as co-authors.

Instructions: Abstracts should be no more than 400 words and include the following sections: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion. References, authors, and title are not included in the word count. Abstracts must be uploaded at https://tinyurl.com/PARCPosters by 11:59PM EST on August 15, 2018. In addition to the abstract, submitters must provide names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses of all co-authors. Accepted presenters will be notified by August 31, 2018.

Scholarship: Non-Purdue students listed as first-author are eligible to apply for a $100 scholarship to defer travel costs. Students from underrepresented groups and those with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants will be submit a 200 word personal statement and CV via the poster submission portal.

Registration: Conference registration is $10 for students (waived for those involved in a poster presentation) and $20 for all other attendees. Students will receive a coupon code when they submit abstracts through the online portal. This code may be used by all student co-authors to waive the $10 fee, regardless of poster acceptance.

Student Housing: Students may elect to participate in the visiting scholars program, whereby willing Purdue students will be matched to non-Purdue student attendees interested in staying with a local student rather than in a hotel. Matches are not guaranteed. More information is available here: https://tinyurl.com/PARCHousing

For questions regarding poster submissions, please contact Dr. Tonnsen at btonnsen@purdue.edu.