

Guidelines for the Students Pitch–Poster Award Competition

The Students **Pitch–Poster Award Competition** combines a short oral presentation with a poster discussion, going beyond the traditional poster format.

PhD students participating in the competition are required to:

- Deliver a **3-minute oral pitch**
- Present the associated **poster** for in-depth discussion and scientific evaluation

The 3-Minute Pitch

The pitch is a **short, clear and impactful presentation** of the student’s PhD research.

Its objective is **not** to present all technical details, but to clearly communicate:

- The focus of the research
- Its scientific significance
- The main achievements to date or intended outcomes

Two parallel pitch sessions will be organized, each evaluated by an **independent jury**.

- Each session will include **15–20 student pitches**
- The duration is strictly limited to **3 minutes** per presentation (*a visible timer will be used*)
- Presentations will be **stopped** once the time limit is reached

Poster Session

Following the pitch sessions, a **dedicated poster session** will take place, allowing for detailed scientific discussion with jury members and conference participants.

- Posters will be used for **in-depth scientific evaluation**
- Students are **required to be** present at their poster during the session
- This session provides the opportunity to:
 - Answer questions
 - Clarify methods and results
 - Discuss the broader context and perspectives of the research work

Each student will be evaluated by **one of the two juries**, based on **both the oral pitch and the poster presentation**.

Evaluation Criteria

Pitch Evaluation

- **Clarity and Structure:** clear message, logical flow, effective summarization of the PhD project
- **Scientific Content:** relevance, originality, sound methodology and results
- **Communication Skills:** confidence, engagement, and ability to explain ideas concisely

Poster Evaluation

- **Graphical Layout:** quality and clarity of the visual presentation
- **Scientific Depth and Rigor:** depth of analysis, data quality, and interpretation
- **Interaction and Discussion:** ability to answer questions, scientific reasoning, and critical thinking

Awards

 **Awards sponsored by TotalEnergies**

Certificate and monetary prizes will be presented during the **Award Ceremony on Friday, 3 July 2026**.