



## STEM Rubric

(for Behavioral/Social Sciences, Engineering, Life Sciences, Physical and Mathematical Sciences and Informatics categories)

	Emerging (1)	Good (2)	Very Good (3)	Excellent (4)	Truly Exceptional (5)
<b>Poster layout</b> (visual elements, white space, color scheme, font size, etc.)	Layout needs work and there are text errors	Layout is good with occasional text errors	Layout is very good and mostly free of text errors	Layout is visually appealing, free of text errors	Layout is highly visually compelling and free of text errors
<b>Presentation organization &amp; cohesion</b>	Presentation may be disorganized or presented in short sections rather than as an integrated story	Presentation is not completely organized and not presented as a cohesive story	Presentation is a bit uneven, but overall, a mostly cohesive story	Presentation is well organized, and material is presented as a mostly cohesive story	Presentation is well organized, and material is presented as a cohesive story
<b>Question</b>  <b>OR</b>  <b>Goal of project</b>	Disciplinary question that inspired the project is absent  Goal of the project is not stated	Disciplinary question that inspired the project is hinted at, but not stated  Goal of the project is hinted at, but not stated	Disciplinary question that inspired the project is stated  Goal of the project is stated, but not focused	Disciplinary question that inspired the project is clearly stated  Goal of the project is stated, but only somewhat focused	Disciplinary question that inspired the project is clearly stated and elaborated on  Goal of project is clearly stated and focused
<b>Significance of project</b>	Significance of project in context with other works is not stated	Significance of project in context with other works is presented, but connections are not clear; background sections rely on only one source	Significance of project in context with other works is present; background comes from limited sources and may lack integration	Significance of project in context with other works is present; background may lack integration	Significance of project in the context of other works is clearly identified; background synthesizes <b>several</b> sources

<b>Explanation of methods</b>	Only partially describes the process, with relevant details left out; does not use tables or images to enhance understanding of methods	Describes the process with some confusion or difficulty	Describes the process, but occasionally with too much or too little detail; uses tables or images to explain methods, but somewhat confusing	Describes the process clearly (without problems in clarity)	Describe the process with great clarity; tables and images in poster enhance understanding of methods
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Total possible points: 45  
Each rubric item equally weighted