

Annual Student Poster Competition

The Massachusetts Gerontology Association announces its 9th annual poster session to be held at the annual meeting on **May 5th** at the Heller School, Brandeis University. The poster session provides students with an opportunity to present their scholarship and to receive professional recognition. Cash prizes are awarded to the best poster presentations with the winners announced at the meeting. All students who present a poster at the meeting receive a complimentary one-year MGA membership.

Poster submission requirements:

- ☞ Applicants must be current graduate or undergraduate students or have graduated after December 1, 2010.
- ☞ Lead authors must be active students or recent graduates; Non-students may be listed as secondary authors.
- ☞ Applicants need not be MGA members.
- ☞ Posters may involve research, policy analyses, or descriptions of *best practices* in the aging field.
- ☞ Applicants must submit a 200-word abstract describing their project. Abstracts must include the names of authors, institutional affiliations, and e-mail addresses.
- ☞ Lead authors of accepted posters are expected to attend the annual meeting to present their posters.

Poster abstracts must be submitted to info@massgeron.org by **April 8th, 2011**. Acceptance notices will be e-mailed by April 22nd, 2011. Posters and awards will be presented at the MGA annual meeting on **May 5th, 2011**.

Poster submissions will be evaluated with respect to readability, potential for contribution to the field, originality, significance of the student contribution, and professional insight shown. A member panel will judge accepted posters at the meeting to determine the award winners.

MGA requests your assistance in encouraging current students or recent graduates to submit proposals and attend the MGA meeting.

Questions about the poster competition may be directed to: info@massgeron.org.

Please note: Students may participate in both the poster presentation and annual student paper competition. Judging and awards for the poster presentations are separate from the annual paper award.