

The Kayoko Ishizuka Award Rubric

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Program: _____

Year in Program: _____

Date of Application Submission: _____

Date of Travel: _____

Is the candidate in good standing with the graduate school?: _____

Is the candidate the first author on the abstract and poster?: _____

Has the candidate provided evidence that the abstract was accepted for either a poster or oral presentation at an international meeting?: _____

Has the student received this award in the past?: _____

Has the student received any other awards? Yes No

Did the student submit a picture with the application? Yes No

Criteria	Excellent (4 pts)	Good (3 pts)	Fair (2 pts)	Needs Improvement (1 pt)
Location & Audience	Clearly details the conference location (city, state/country) and describes the target audience (e.g., researchers, specific scientific field).	Mentions the conference location but lacks specifics about the audience.	Location mentioned but audience description is unclear or missing.	No information provided on conference location or target audience.
Presentation Content & Impact	Provides a clear and concise overview of the research presented, highlighting its scientific significance and potential impact on the field.	Briefly describes the presentation topic but lacks details on its scientific merit and impact.	Presentation topic mentioned but its scientific contribution is unclear.	No description of the presentation content or its potential impact.
Networking	Provides specific examples of successful networking interactions with investigators, students, and/or companies. Details potential collaborations or future research directions.	Mentions networking efforts but lacks specifics on interactions or outcomes.	Mentions networking but the essay lacks details.	No mention of networking activities.
Career Development Impact	Articulates a clear connection between the conference experience, networking, and the applicant's career goals. Demonstrates how the experience has shaped future research directions.	Explains how the conference may have contributed to career development but lacks a strong connection to future plans.	Mentions career development impact but the essay lacks details.	No discussion of how the conference experience relates to career development.
Essay Quality (Overall)	Essay is well-written, concise (under 1000 words), and effectively addresses all criteria. Clear organization and strong grammar are evident.	Essay mostly addresses the criteria but may be slightly longer or contain minor grammatical errors.	Essay addresses most criteria but may lack organization or contain grammatical errors that affect clarity.	Essay is poorly organized, exceeds word limit, or contains significant grammatical errors that hinder understanding.

Additional Notes: