SAPD Open Research Competition 2022/2023: Assessment Criteria

Relevance and fit to brief

The *case study* or *poster* should be assessed for relevance against the Open Research (OR) objectives and practices specified in the SAPD OR Competition Guidelines. It should:

- be aligned to one or more of the OR objectives;
- discuss/show one or more of the open practices listed.

For the *case study*, research-related impact and public engagement may be adduced as evidence of benefits generated by OR, where there is a clear relationship between the benefits and open methods, materials or outputs, but impact and public engagement without an OR basis are not in scope.

Length and content

For the case study:
The case study should be no more than 600 words (excluding the title and anything entered in the URLs, references and further information box), and should cover the following points:

- Introduction, providing a brief description of the case study
- Description of the research context in which the open practices were employed
- What open practices were used and why
- What barriers or challenges were encountered, and how these were handled
- What benefits were realised, and for whom, as a result of using the open practices
- What lessons have been learnt from the experience
- Conclusion, summarising the main takeaway message

The case study should give a clear account of why open practices were used and why specific choices were made: what aims were intended or problems were to be solved? What determined the choice of specific tools or methods?

Where relevant, the case study should engage with and explore the challenges and difficulties of making open choices. Marks may be given for candid accounts of researchers' motivations for making (or not making) open choices, which offer reasoned assessments of the pros and cons of being open and are honest about where things didn't work or could have been done differently.

For the poster:
The poster should be max. one page and should cover the following:

- Representation of what OR is
- Representation of what OR means to the student
- How the student could make/makes use of OR in their studies
- Exploration of the challenges and difficulties of using OR in their studies
- Celebration of positive experiences with OR
- Motivations of what place OR can have in their studies

In addition, extra credit should be given to posters that establish a clear link to SAPD, such as references to specific courses, modules, SAPD activities, etc.

Openness and Impact

For the case study:
Aspects to evaluate here include:

- How well OR practices were embedded in the case study
- The number of OR practices included (e.g. is the case study around open access publishing only, or does it also include other OR practices such as sharing of data, pre-print, etc.)
- How big the audience is that has been impacted/reached with this case study

For poster:
Judging criteria here include:

- The scope of OR that the poster touches on (i.e. the scope of understanding of OR and its impact)
- The degree to which the poster supports the adoption of OR in teaching and learning activities
- The impact of suggestions given of how to use OR in their studies