



Research Poster Competition 2025: information

Building and mobilising evidence for practice

About the Competition – As part of this year's Research Week (9-12 September), we would like to recognise and celebrate the building and mobilising of evidence for impact in applied health and social care research. We want to showcase and celebrate the phenomenal activities that have been delivered in Kent, Surrey Sussex. The impact from these projects paves the way for the future of applied health and social care research for the region.

Submitted posters should include an introduction to the project, aims, objectives, what has been achieved so far and what is hoped for the future impact of the project. This should be suitable for a wide range of audiences.

There will be a winner and a runner-up prize in categories of pre-doctoral researchers and post-doctoral researchers. Prize winners will be invited to present their poster at the Applied Research Collaboration Kent, Surrey and Sussex (ARC) KSS Research Symposium in September.

All posters will be made available online on the [ARC KSS website](#) and displayed at the ARC KSS Research Symposium. All participants will have the opportunity to apply to present their poster at a ViPER session at the ARC KSS Research Symposium taking place on Friday 12 September 2025 at the University of Sussex, Brighton. Please see further details [here](#) on what a ViPER is.

The winners in each category will receive a £150 training bursary and runner-up prize in each category a £100 training bursary. Prize winners and selected ViPER participants' travel will be funded to attend the symposium on 12 September 2025.

The competition will be judged on the day by the Symposium attendees.

Eligibility - Applied Health and Social Care Researchers working in Kent, Surrey and Sussex including academics, health care and public health professionals, social care or social work professionals or anyone who works to support health and care in our region who have projects celebrating research capacity impact.

Competition guidelines -

- Each entrant should upload a one-page portrait or landscape poster in Powerpoint or PDF format to the [online link here](#) by 5pm, 15 August 2025.
- Only one poster allowed per entrant.

Judging criteria - Posters will be assessed by attendees for:

- Content - aims; results/findings; conclusions; overall contribution to knowledge and future plans
- Presentation - overall presentation; organisation and clarity; impact; informativeness
- Innovation and creativity

Note for applicants - For the ViPER session you should be able to attend the face-to-face event on 12 September 2025 at the University of Sussex, Brighton. Poster winners will have a chance to do a short talk on their poster during the prize-giving, if they are present. All poster entrants will be informed of the outcome following the symposium.

Deadline for competition entry: 5pm, Friday 15 August 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact: ARCKSSAcademy@kent.ac.uk