



ECerS Graphical Abstract Students Contest (GASC), Shaping 9 Conference

MOTIVATION

Currently, many journals (including Open Ceramics) ask to include a graphical abstract, and moreover, in some cases, it is mandatory. On the one hand, the graphical abstract must be colourful and interesting enough to attract a potential reader's attention. On the other hand, it should convey information about the described research in a concentrated way. For this reason, we encourage the students and young scientists to improve their skills in creating graphical abstracts and participate in the competition.

RULES

1. The Graphical Abstract Students Contest (GASC), is addressed to students (PhD, MSc, BSc) and young scientists who defended his/her PhD thesis after October 1, 2023, and are participating in the Shaping 9 Conference and/or Summer School.
2. One person can prepare only one graphical abstract for the Contest.
3. The **graphical abstract should contain a title** and summarize the contents of the article related to the research done by the Competitor (as described in point 4.) in a short and pictorial form **WITHOUT providing the Author's name and affiliation**. A graphical abstract must be clear, unique, simple, and self-explanatory.
4. The article means:
 - a scientific article already published which does not have the graphical abstract
 - a scientific article that might be submitted in the future
 - PhD thesis
 - MSc thesis
 - BSc thesis.
5. The graphical abstract should strictly represent the work described in the article (as mentioned in point 4.) and should be related to the title provided by the Competitor.
6. The Competitor should send the graphical abstract as well as a short abstract of the research covered by the graphical abstract (max 250 words, font: Calibri, Arial or Times New Roman, font size 12, saved as a .docx) to the Conference Organizers to the e-mail address **shaping9@pw.edu.pl** not later than **August 1, 2024**.

7. The graphical abstract should have a size of a minimum of 531×1328 pixels (h \times w) or proportionally more. It should be readable at a size of 20×50 cm.
8. The graphical abstract should be saved and sent as a TIFF, JPEG, or PDF file.
9. The received graphical abstracts will be printed by the Conference Organizers and displayed on the poster stands. They will be available to the jury and all Summer School and Conference participants.
10. The international jury will evaluate the graphical abstracts and appoint the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners. The jury will not be provided with information about the Author of a given graphical abstract. The Conference Organizers will reveal this information after collecting the jury's scores.
11. The results of the Graphical Abstract Students Contest will be announced during the Shaping 9 Conference Opening Ceremony, on September 25, 2024.
12. The 1st prize winner of the Graphical Abstract Students Contest is strongly encouraged to submit article describing their research to Open Ceramics journal. The additional reward will be APC waiver enabling publication in Gold Open Access option.