# Acknowledgments in Scientific Publications and Presentations and Posters

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## First, get it spelled correctly…

There is no *e* following the *g* in the U.S. English spelling of *acknowledgment*

(Don't believe me?—look at the acknowledgment page of any book published by a U.S. publisher)

British English spells it with the "e," but we colonials have our own rules

Some wimpy dictionaries may accord "acknowledgement" alternative status, but we have higher standards in physics

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**The *acknowledgment* is a formal printed statement that recognizes individuals and institutions that contributed to the work being reported**

**Contributions to the research should be acknowledged**

**Non-research contributions are generally not appropriate for acknowledgment in a scientific paper but may be in a thesis**

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**Acknowledge research contributions by people other than the authors**

**Persons who gave scientific guidance, participated in discussions, or shared unpublished results**

**Persons who provided samples or equipment**

**Assistants who helped do the work**

**Technicians at user facilities or labs**

**Make it a simple statement of thanks, not a testimonial or dedication**

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## Acknowledge by name only

Do not use titles, honorifics, positions, or awards

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Professor Paul G. Kwiat,
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Sir Dr. A.J. Leggett, Nobel Laureate

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## Always acknowledge financial support of the research—always

Give the name of the funding agency and grant or contract number

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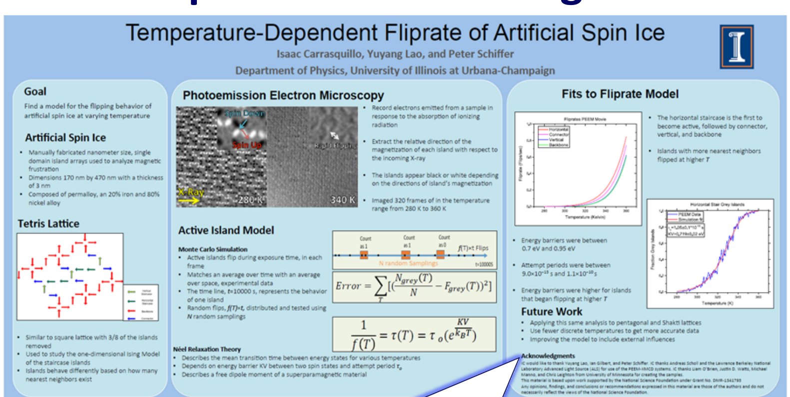


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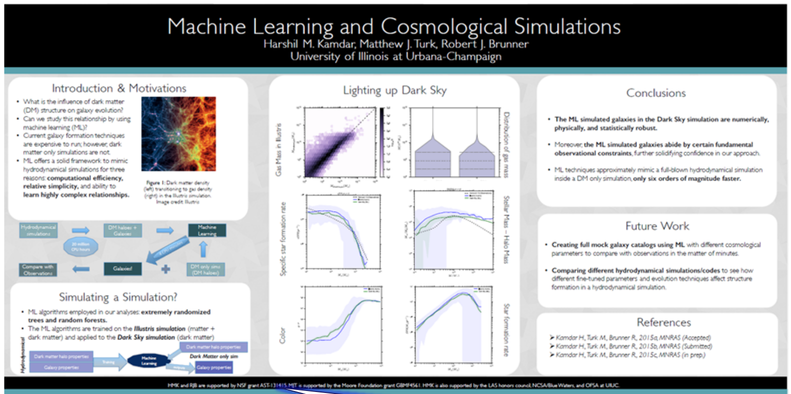


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## To Recap:

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- Acknowledge the use of special facilities
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- Check with the funder about use of logos

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