

GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATE STUDENT COMPETITION

Purpose:

To promote scholarly organization and presentation of scientific information by graduate students.

Eligibility:

Contestants must be graduate students currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program at an institution that offers graduate curricula **AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION** (i.e., 2 February 2009). The paper to be judged must consist of original research or other information pertaining to equine nutrition or physiology. There will be four divisions: (1) Nutrition, (2) Reproduction, (3) Exercise Physiology, and (4) Teaching, Extension and Production Management. The Program Committee reserves the right to combine sections with too few entries for competition. Graduate students will be notified of the section in which their papers will be presented. Students can submit a limit of 2 papers; however papers must be submitted to different divisions (e.g., Nutrition, Reproduction, Exercise Physiology etc...).

Evaluation:

Each paper will be judged on the content of manuscript (scientific merit, accuracy, clarity) and the quality of the presentation (organization, clarity, visual aids).

Manuscript:

For the 2009 symposium, all graduate competition papers will first be reviewed in extended abstract form by the Individual Program Committee (as per submission category). Extended abstracts will be submitted through the World Wide Web at <http://www.equinescience.org> by **2 February 2009** according to the general **Submission Guidelines** above. Upon notification of abstract acceptance, authors will forward a full-length manuscript formatted according to Journal of Equine Veterinary Science (See <http://www.elsevier.com> and then click "authors"; enter "Journal of Equine Veterinary Science" in the "locate a journal" text box; click "guide for authors") by 11:59 p.m. CST **1 April 2009** to Dr. Jason Turner (jturner@nmsu.edu), chair of the student competition committee. Please note this is a new format and differs from previous ESS competitions; the manuscript is to be formatted as if it were being submitted to JEVS. Please note that competition papers are limited to 6 pages.

Presentation:

Formal delivery of the paper is limited to 12 minutes, followed by 3 minutes of questions and discussion. Total time for the presentation and discussion shall not exceed 15 minutes.

LCD projectors will be used for oral presentations. Files containing presenter slides will be loaded on to presentation computers at the meeting one day prior to the day of presentation.

Note: All students whose participating in the competition will receive free registration (does not include ticketed events), a \$100 stipend and a free banquet admission.