



## Guidelines for Graduate Student Competition

### Purpose:

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

### Eligibility:

Contestants must be students currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program at an institution that offers graduate curricula **at the time of abstract submission** (i.e., February 1, 2019). Students that have graduated from a graduate program within the semester prior to the submission deadline are also eligible to compete. The abstract to be judged must consist of original, completed work that has not been published in a journal. There will be seven possible graduate student competition divisions: (1) Equine Bioscience, (2) Exercise Science, (3) Genetics, (4) Nutrition, (5) Production & Management, (6) Reproductive Physiology, and (7) Teaching & Extension. Competition will not take place for any division with fewer than 3 abstracts. The program committee reserves the right to combine sections for competition. **Only one competition abstract is permitted per student, but students are welcome to submit additional abstracts to non-competition sections.** Additional abstracts authored by the same student in the same program section must be presented in the regular oral or poster sessions.

### Evaluation:

Each student will be judged on the content of their abstract (e.g., scientific merit, accuracy, clarity) and the quality of their presentation (e.g., organization, clarity, visual aids, response to audience questions).

### Abstract Preparation & Submission:

**Competition abstracts should be prepared and submitted similar to regular section abstracts.** Abstracts to be considered for graduate student competition must be identified by marking the appropriate box within the online submission form. For detailed information on abstract requirements and submission, refer to the *"Instructions for Abstract Submission"* on the meeting website at <http://www.equinescience.org/2019/>.

**ABSTRACTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 p.m. CST ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

### Presentation:

All competition abstracts are delivered as **oral presentations** (there will be no poster competitions). The scheduled time for each oral presentation is 12 minutes, followed by 3 minutes of questions, discussion, and speaker transition. Each session room will be equipped with a computer and LCD projector. Files will be loaded at the meeting one day prior to the scheduled day of presentation. Detailed information on oral presentations will be posted on the meeting website at <http://www.equinescience.org/2019/>.

### Benefits of Competing:

All students participating in the competition and who are members of ESS will receive complimentary meeting registration (excluding ticketed events) and courtesy admission to the awards banquet.