

STUDENT COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

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The Academy hosts **Best Student Paper** awards in a variety of disciplines for both *undergraduate* and *graduate* students presenting their research by either *podium* or *poster* at the annual meeting.

Students seeking to compete for these awards *must*:

- (1) select “Yes, I wish to participate in the student competition” on the *Submit an Abstract to the Upcoming Annual Meeting* page.
- (2) upload an abstract of 150 words or less as requested on the *Submit an Abstract to the Upcoming Annual Meeting* page.
- (3) submit a secondary **Competition Abstract**. The Competition Abstract:
 - (a) must be an extended summary of the student’s research that does not exceed one (1) printed page with 1-inch margins and typed in 12-point typeface.
 - (b) must include a heading that provides the research project title, as well as all authors and their institutional affiliations. The name of the student competitor must be **underlined** and labelled (**GRAD**) for graduate student or (**UNDE**) for undergraduate student.
 - (c) must include results, conclusions, and a bibliography of cited references.
 - (d) may include photos, tables, charts, diagrams, and other figures.
 - (e) must be sent as an email attachment (pdf is preferable) directly to the appropriate Section Chair (listed below) corresponding to the discipline of the student research. Section Chairs must receive the Competition Abstracts no later than five (5) business days following the deadline for all abstracts to the annual meeting.

Competition Procedures

- **Podium (“Oral”) Competition.** Competition Abstracts will be judged following the submission deadline, and finalists will be selected for competition. Finalists will be notified by email in advance of the annual meeting. Presentations in this category are typically 15 min.
- **Poster Competition.** Each competing student is required to orally describe his or her research in a special session. The competitor will have 2 minutes to present and may show 1-2 slides. The 2-minute limit is strictly enforced. All competitors must load their slides in the appropriate classroom computer **before** the section starts.

Awards

The Academy grants a certificate and a cash award to the *Best Student Paper* in each of a variety of disciplines both in undergraduate and graduate categories and in podium or poster categories. Winners will be announced during the closing ceremony of the annual meeting. A winner must be present at the closing ceremony to receive a cash award.

LAS Section Chairs to whom Competition Abstracts should be sent by email:

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