

Graduate Student Poster Competition
Sponsored by Midwest Chapter of ARPAS
78th Minnesota Nutrition Conference
September 20-21, 2017
City Center Hotel, Mankato, MN

The **2nd Graduate Student Poster Competition** is being held during the **78th Minnesota Nutrition Conference on September 20-21, 2017**. The conference committee has partnered with the Midwest Chapter of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) to host the competition.

The Graduate Student Poster Competition is intended to facilitate the dissemination and presentation of research conducted by graduate students of the University of Minnesota as well as those at universities in neighboring states. This competition encourages graduate education and creates networking opportunities with industry and academia.

Poster contributions (an abstract and a copy of the actual poster) will be evaluated by committee species chairs. ARPAS will provide monetary awards to the top three contributions ranked from first to third prize. Students must be present in order to qualify for the awards.

We encourage students to submit work even if posters were previously presented at national or sectional meetings.

Format will be according to guidelines for the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) poster presentations. Boards to display posters are 8' wide X 4' tall. Students must bring their own push pins or tacks. Also, a **2,500-character abstract must be submitted in advance**; formatting and technical standards are the same as guidelines for abstracts submitted to ASAS meetings. Along with the abstract, **students must submit a copy of the poster in PDF format**. This file will be used by committee chairs to evaluate each contribution.

Both the abstract and the copy of the poster must be received electronically by **11:59 pm CDT on August 7, 2017**.

Send files to Alfredo DiCostanzo at dicos001@umn.edu.

Students are limited to submitting only one contribution.

Abstracts received after the deadline (**8/7/17 at 11:59 pm CDT**) will not be considered.

Limit of 1 contribution per student.

There is only space to display 16 posters; therefore, only 16 will be accepted. A pre-selection of contributions will be necessary to eliminate posters if more than 16 are submitted.

If selected, students will be informed on **August 22, 2017**. Posters need to be set up on **September 20, 2017, from 9:00 am to noon** before the conference begins. Posters may be taken down after 10:30 am on September 21, 2017.

Prizes, sponsored by Midwest Chapter of ARPAS, are:

1st Place - \$500

2nd Place - \$200

3rd Place - \$100

Awards will be presented to winners following the General Session on the afternoon of September 20, 2017.

To encourage ARPAS membership, Midwest Chapter of ARPAS is offering an **additional stipend of \$200** for the highest ranked poster by an ARPAS member or by those who take and pass the exam while at the Minnesota Nutrition Conference, and become an ARPAS member. The exam is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21.

NOTE: Graduate students who are presenting posters are required to register for the conference by September 15, 2017. The student fee is \$40. Prior to registering, please contact Bonnie Rae (bjrae@umn.edu) for discount code.

Register for the 78th Minnesota Nutrition Conference online at <https://www.regonline.com/78MNNUTRITION>.