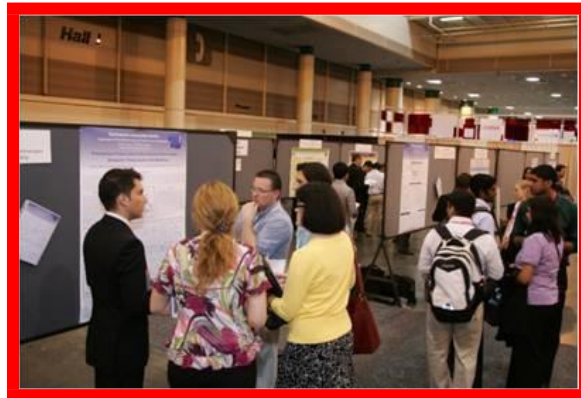


# Competition Guidelines



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# **Division Graduate Student Research Paper Competition Guidelines**

**Submission Deadline: December 16, 2016 by 4pm Central Standard Time**

## **Eligibility**

- Students entering the competition must be members IFT by date of submission (no later than December 16, 2016) and should not have graduated earlier than May 31, 2017.
- All research must have been completed while the entrant was a graduate student.
- The student entering the competition must be the principal author of the paper. The entrant's name must be listed first to denote the student as the presenter / speaker.
- The paper must be accepted to be presented at IFT17.
- A student may submit only one paper in the competition in any one year with the exception of the George F. Stewart/International Research Paper Competition and Marketing and Management division research competition which may be entered in addition to a division competition.
- **Past IFT division competition winners are not eligible.**

## **How to Enter**

- All entries must be submitted online via Planstone by December 16, 2016.
- All entries must comply with the "Call for Abstracts Submission Guidelines."
- The majority of competitions are poster competitions with the exception of a select few divisions offering oral competition. You will be contacted if you qualify for an oral competition.
- **If accepted, the technical research paper abstract must be presented as a poster at IFT17, regardless of the outcome of the judging for the competitions.**

## **Review criteria**

Divisions will select up to six finalists using the review criteria below. Each reviewer will provide a score of 1-5 for technical merit, writing, and organization. These three criteria will be weighted as noted below. IFT will take the average of all reviewers' scores and share that with the competition chair. Using this data, the competition chairs will determine up to 6 finalists for onsite judging.

50% of overall score

Technical Merit:

- Did the work completed require technical skill?
- Is the research significant to the field?
- Is the research original and unique or merely confirmatory?
- Can /is the research applicable to food science and technology?

30% of overall score

• Writing:

- Is the abstract written in a comprehensive manner? Is the work explained so individuals unfamiliar with the subject matter can comprehend it?
- If a judge is not a specialist in the area of your research would the content of your abstract fully explain the research?
- Are there major grammatical errors?

20% of overall score

Organization:

- Is the abstract presented clearly?
- Did the authors sufficiently and cogently summarize each section of abstract?
- Are the methods sufficiently descriptive?
- Does the abstract address the main components of the submission guidelines: Justification, Objective, Methods, Results and Significance?

**Poster only abstracts are eligible for the following division poster competitions:**

- Aquatic Food Products
- Biotechnology
- Carbohydrate
- Dairy Foods (**John C. Bruhn**)
- Food Engineering
- Food Laws & Regulations
- Food Microbiology (**John C. Ayres**)
- Food Packaging
- Foodservice
- Fruit & Vegetable Products
- International (**George F. Stewart and Malcolm Bourne**)
- Marketing & Management
- Muscle Foods
- Nonthermal Processing
- Nutraceutical & Functional Foods
- Nutrition (**Mark L. Bieber**)

- Product Development
- Protein
- Refrigerated & Frozen Foods
- Sensory & Consumer Sciences
- Toxicology & Safety Evaluation (**Susan L. Hefle**)

**Oral preferred abstracts are eligible for the following division oral competitions:**

- Dairy Foods (**Manfred Kroger**)
- Food Microbiology (**Z. John Ordal**)
- Sensory and Consumer Sciences (**Rose Marie Pangborn**)
- Food Chemistry
- Protein

**Poster Competition Timeframe and Approach**

All poster competitions will be scheduled and judged at the same time on Sunday, June 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

- Poster finalists will be asked to set up and be prepared for judging during this time.
- Each division's competition finalists will be located together allowing judges to efficiently assess the merit of each finalist during a time before the majority of IFT17 events commence.
- Finalists will learn which place they have been awarded during the IFT Division Award ceremony. Details are being finalized and will be communicated to finalists in the spring.
- Additional recognition will be given to division competition winners when the finalists present their poster for a second time to all attendees (during their regularly scheduled presentation). The winners will be recognized with a ribbon stating where they have placed (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>). **All finalists must still present their poster during their regularly scheduled poster presentation time in addition to the competition judging.**

**Division Oral Competitions Timeframe and Approach**

All oral competitions will be scheduled and judged at the same time on Monday, June 26 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

- The division oral competitions will have up to six finalists presenting for 15 minutes (12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes Q&A).

### **Award Prizes**

*Each division competition will recognize up to six finalists and give one first place award of \$1000, one second place award of \$750 and one third place award of \$500.*

*All six finalists will receive a certificate of achievement and be recognized during the IFT Division Award Ceremony.*

## **2017 George F. Stewart International Research Paper Competition**

The International Division Research Paper Competition, named in honor of George F. Stewart (1967-68 IFT President), was inaugurated as part of IFT's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 1989. The competition is administered by the IFT International division.

The International division encourages graduate students entering the International Research Paper Competition to think on global food science and technology issues and the needs of all people in the world. We expect this competition will promote the diversity of opportunities and needs in a shrinking world, and recognize the diverse and rich research skills of IFT's international members.

**Participation in the International Research Paper Competition does NOT preclude participation in other competitions.** The authors must choose one IFT division that will review the competing abstract for acceptance at IFT17. This choice includes the International division or any of the IFT divisions.

### **Eligibility:**

- Students entering the competition must be members IFT by date of submission (no later than December 16, 2016) and should not have graduated earlier than May 31, 2017.
- All research must have been completed while the entrant was a graduate student.
- Research must be conducted outside of the United States and submitted by a primary author who is a non-U.S. citizen.
- A primary author can submit no more than one paper in the International Research Paper Competition.

- Papers that have already been published or submitted to peer-reviewed journals or to other meetings will be disqualified from this competition.

#### **How to Enter:**

- Abstract must be submitted through IFT's Call for Abstracts no later than December 16, 2016 at 4pm CST.
- Entry in the competition is requested by checking the appropriate box during online submission which asks if the primary author is a non-US citizen and if the research was conducted outside of the US.
- The primary author must send a brief description of the research center where the work was performed and an additional copy of the abstract to the Chair of the International Research Paper Competition Jury:

#### **Judging:**

Only abstracts accepted for presentation by the review panel will be evaluated by the International Paper Competition Jury. Each abstract will be judged using the criteria found on page 4 of these guidelines.

**Award Prizes**

*The George F. Stewart competition will recognize up to six finalists and give one first place award of \$1000, one second place award of \$750 and one third place award of \$500.*

*All finalists will receive a certificate of achievement.*

*Winners will be announced during the IFT Division Award Ceremony after onsite judging during IFT17.*

## **NEW! International Division Malcolm Bourne Research Paper Competition**

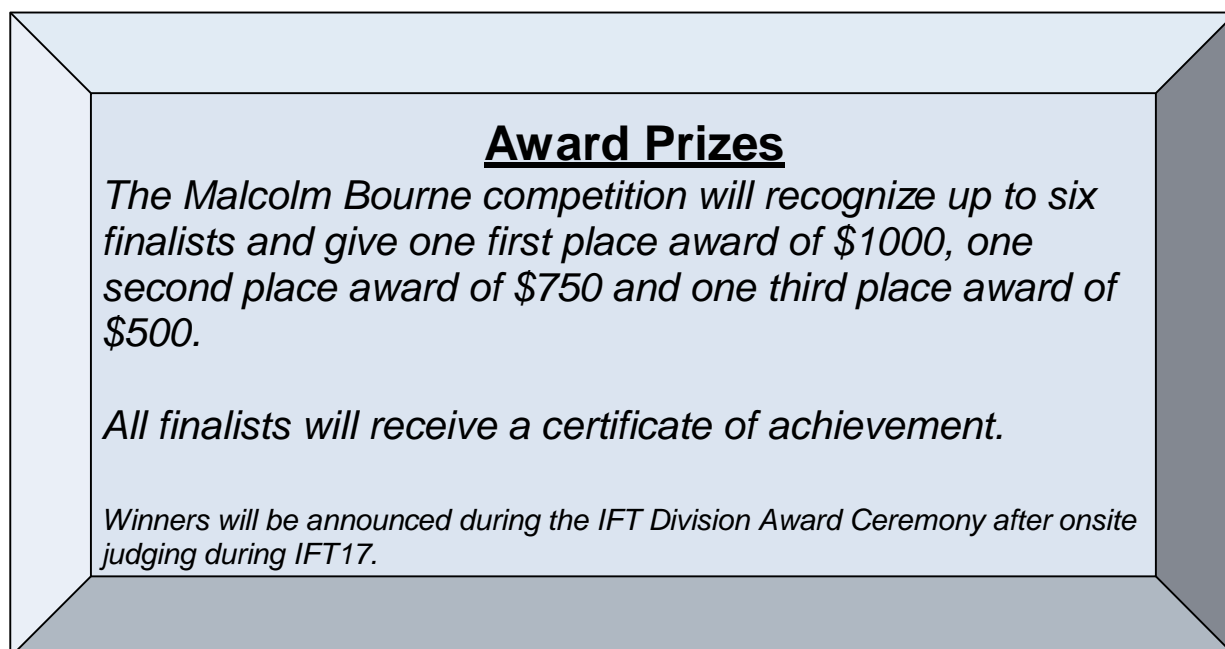
Together with the publishing company Elsevier, the International Division has inaugurated a new award to honor the legacy of Prof. Malcolm Bourne in the Division and in the food science area more generally. As one of the founding members of the International Division, Malcolm Bourne paved the way not only for the Division's creation, but its sustained success throughout the years. Malcolm was also a key player in the establishment of food structure, texture and rheology as significant sub-disciplines within food science, and a prolific contributor to these areas, among others.

**Eligibility:**

This competition is open to all IFT members, students and professionals who are non-US and US citizens conducting research in food science. The focus of the Technical Research Paper Abstract needs to be on any aspect of food texture and/or rheology, one of Malcolm's key research areas.

**Judging:**

Only abstracts accepted for presentation by the review panel will be evaluated by the International Paper Competition Jury. Each abstract will be judged using the criteria found on page 4 of these guidelines.

***Marketing & Management Poster Competition***

In the broadest sense this competition is open to all food science and technology research that has economic, business and/or marketing applications. Multi disciplinary contributions are welcome. Research is broadly defined and can include but is not limited to consumer research, policy development applications, and the implications and applications of the development of new technologies and methods.

The research abstract and poster must clearly promote and address economic, business and/or marketing applications of the food science and technology research.

**Eligibility:**

- Students entering the competition must be members IFT by date of submission (no later than December 16, 2016) and should not have graduated earlier than May 31, 2017.
- All research must have been completed while the entrant was a graduate student.



- The student entering the competition must be the principal author of the paper. The entrant's name must be listed first to denote the student as the presenter / speaker.
- The paper must be accepted to be presented at IFT17.
- Abstracts MUST address the following:
  1. Justification
  2. Objective
  3. Methods
  4. Results
  5. Economic, business and/or marketing applications of the research.

### **How to Enter**

- Abstract must be submitted through IFT's Call for Abstracts no later than December 16, 2016 at 4pm CST.
- Entry in the competition is requested by submitting directly to the Marketing and Management division upon submission and/or completing the appropriate questions during submission while submitting to a separate division.

### **Review Criteria:**

- Abstracts will be reviewed using the criteria found on page 4 of these guidelines. Additional consideration will be given to the marketing case submitted in Step 7 of submission.

### **Award Prizes**

*The Marketing and Management division competition will recognize up to six finalists and give one first place award of \$1000, one second place award of \$750 and one third place award of \$500.*

*All finalists will receive a certificate of achievement.*

*Winners will be announced during the IFT Division Award Ceremony after onsite judging during IFT17.*

## ***Education, Extension & Outreach Division Technical Writing Competitions – Undergraduate and Graduate***

One of the core competencies in the IFT Education standards is for students to achieve competency in communication skills (i.e., oral and written communication, listening, interviewing, etc.). According to the IFT guidelines, by the time students graduate, they should not only be able to search for and condense information, but also be able to "communicate technical information to a non-technical audience."

### **Topic - Undergraduate:**

- Any technical subject or latest development in the food science and technology field that may be important to the consumer.
- The article must be written in non-technical language such that someone reading your local newspaper could understand the article.

### **Topic – Graduate:**

- Write an overall description of your research, and describe how it will have impact on the food industry. Research areas include, but are not limited to food science and technology, human nutrition, or extension.
- Technical language along with a persuasive writing style is encouraged, but technical content must be clearly defined and described so that someone without a background in food science/technology or nutrition can understand the article.

### **Eligibility:**

- Undergraduate students who are majors in departments that have undergraduate or graduate programs in food science, nutrition, meat science, or dairy science, at any two or four-year college or university are eligible.
- Undergraduate students who will graduate in May or June, 2017 are also eligible.
- Graduate students majoring in food science/technology, human nutrition, meat and/or dairy science graduate programs at any four-year college or university are eligible.
- Graduate students who will graduate before the end of August, 2017 are eligible.  
Post-doctoral students are not eligible.

### **How to Enter:**

- Students will submit their work via the IFT website (800 words maximum) to IFT. At least three technical or scientific references (which you used to write your article) should be cited in your submission. Reference citations should follow the Journal of Food Science format. References are not included in the 800 word maximum requirement.
- Submissions will open in early 2017. Submission instructions including detailed review criteria for each competition will be available on [www.ift.org](http://www.ift.org)

**Please note:** Originality of submitted work will be verified with plagiarism checker software.

### **Award Prizes**

*Each Education, Extension & Outreach division competition will recognize up to six finalists and give one first place award of \$1000, one second place award of \$750 and one third place award of \$500.*

*All finalists will receive a certificate of achievement.*

*Winners will be announced prior to IFT17 and invited to participate in the IFT Division Award Ceremony.*

## **Division Competition Frequently Asked Questions**

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions during the abstract submission process, with references to additional information in this set of guidelines.

**1. When is the deadline to submit abstracts?**

Abstracts are due by December 16, 2016 by 4 pm Central Time. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

**2. Can I make changes after the abstract submission deadline?**

No. After the deadline, submitters will not be allowed to make changes.

**3. When will I hear if my abstract was accepted for presentation?**

Submitters will be notified on February 17, 2017 whether their abstract was accepted for presentation at IFT17. **Competition finalist will be notified by March 17, 2017.** If you are not notified by IFT you were not chosen as a finalist.

**4. Does submitting an abstract guarantee acceptance?**

Unfortunately, it does not. Abstracts are peer-reviewed by division reviewers based on the quality factors outlined in these guidelines. Any abstracts submitted not meeting the quality factors will not be selected.

In some cases, abstracts that satisfactorily meet these requirements will also not be selected due to limited program space and the higher quality of competing abstract submissions.

**5. What is the competition review process for abstracts?**

Divisions will review all abstracts submitted to their division only, with exception of International division competition and Marketing and Management. These competitions will pull from all divisions to determine finalists. Each division competition may select up to 6 finalists to compete onsite.

**6. Do I have to submit my abstract to the Journal of Food Science for publication?**

Yes. Submission of an abstract to IFT17 indicates that the authors agree to give IFT the first opportunity to publish the work (right of first refusal). Authors are encouraged to submit their papers for consideration in any of IFT's publications—the Journal of Food Science (JFS), Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety (CRFSFS), the Journal of Food Science Education (JFSE), and Food Technology. As soon as possible after IFT17, authors should visit <http://ift.ManuscriptCentral.com> to submit their manuscripts to JFS, CRFSFS, and JFSE. To submit to Food Technology, contact Bob Swientek at [bswientek@ift.org](mailto:bswientek@ift.org). Call the IFT Publications Office at 312-782-8424 for further information. Those who do not wish to publish their papers in IFT publications but rather other journals should also contact Bob Swientek to request permission.

**7. How do I submit an abstract?**

Review the Call for Abstract Submission Guidelines for more information. Visit [www.ift.org/IFT17](http://www.ift.org/IFT17) and on the main page there will be a link to the Call for Abstracts. Select the Technical Research Paper abstract submission type and at the bottom of the form is the section for participating in the division competitions.

**8. What if I am having technical difficulties submitting my abstract?**

Contact Planstone by email at [support@planstone.com](mailto:support@planstone.com).

On the submission site, there is a green feedback and support button on the right side of the screen. Click on this button to create a help desk ticket. You will have a resolution within 24 hours.

**9. Does my IFT member login and password work on the online abstract management website?**

Yes. In order to submit an abstract you will need to have an IFT.org log in and password. If you are a non member submitting an abstract you will be able to register for a login with IFT when you first access the Call for Abstracts submission site.

## **Contact Information**

### **Trouble Submitting Abstract Online?**

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On the submission site, there is a green feedback and support button on the right side of the screen. Click on this button to create a help desk ticket. You will have a resolution within 24 hours.

### **Have a division specific question?**

Go to: <http://www.ift.org/community/divisions.aspx> for a listing of all IFT Division Leaders and their corresponding contact information.

### **Call for Abstracts or Division Competition policy question?**

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