



# **Division Graduate Student Oral Competition Submission Guidelines**

**IFT21**

**Chicago, IL  
July 19-21, 2021**



## Graduate Student Oral Competition

This year's Division Graduate Student Competitions will look a little bit different than past years. In efforts to be as inclusive and possible, and to promote the best possible student experience, we are streamlining all Division Graduate Student Competitions to be held as oral competitions. At IFT, oral competitions are held as a 12-minute presentation via slide deck as opposed to printed poster, followed by 3 minutes of Q&A.

Another exciting change is competitions will be held on the show floor at IFT21 on the Research Showcase Stage. The competitions will be part of the event, rather than taking place on the Sunday before the event as in previous years. The competitions will be open to all attendees. IFT remains committed to ensuring selected finalists are able to compete in the event local, state, or federal law prohibits physical travel. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of the competition will not only receive a monetary prize but will also have their research featured more prominently to IFT's community and beyond. More details to come.

### Eligibility and Information

- Students entering the competition must be members of IFT by date of submission. If a student graduates after submission, all work presented at IFT21 must be part of research done while a student.
- All abstracts must be submitted via the [Call for Proposals website](#), where competition submission is included within the workflow of submitting the abstract.
- Abstract Submission Deadline: January 18, 2021 by 11:59 pm Central Time
- Only the primary author is eligible to compete.
- A student may submit **only one** paper to a division competition a year. *Past IFT division competition winners (1<sup>st</sup> place) are not eligible to compete again in that Division's competition.*
- Finalists will be contacted in the spring if they are selected to compete in an oral competition at IFT21. Competition logistics will be sent to finalists as they are selected. IFT remains committed to all finalists having the opportunity to compete.
- Up to 6 finalists may compete in each competition.
- Oral presentation will be limited to 12 minutes, followed immediately by 3 minutes of questions. Division-specific modifications to this format may be communicated to finalists prior to the event.
- Winners and those placing will be announced during the IFT Division Award Ceremony. Details for the ceremony will be communicated to finalists in the spring.
- If you elect to compete, you are still required to present your poster at your assigned scheduled time.

### Division Oral Competitions:

- Aquatic Food Products
- Biotechnology
- Carbohydrate
- Dairy Foods (**John C. Bruhn**)
- Education, Extension & Outreach
- Food Chemistry



- Food Engineering
- Food Laws & Regulations
- Food Microbiology (**John C. Ayres**)
- Food Packaging
- Foodservice
- Fruit & Vegetable Products
- International (**George F. Stewart and Malcolm C. Bourne**)
- Marketing, Sales, & Management
- Muscle Foods
- Nonthermal Processing
- Nutraceutical & Functional Foods
- Nutrition (**Mark L. Bieber**)
- Product Development
- Protein
- Quality Management
- Refrigerated & Frozen Foods
- Sensory & Consumer Sciences (**Pangborn**)
- Toxicology & Safety Evaluation (**Susan L. Hefle**)

### **Award Prizes**

Each Division competition will recognize up to six finalists and give one first place award of \$300, one second place award of \$200, and one third place award of \$100 in Amazon gift cards.

The first-place winner of each competition will have their research featured on the IFT website. Divisions are also encouraged to showcase the work of their finalists and winners through other means, such as on IFT Connect or within newsletters. All finalists will receive a certificate of achievement.



## **International Division Student Award**

(awarded in honor of George F. Stewart and Malcolm C. Bourne)

**To be considered for this competition you must submit your Technical Research Paper abstract to the International Division at the time of submission.**

The International Division Student Award recognizes excellence in food science and technology research, with an emphasis on work that demonstrates international outreach, cooperation and/or collaboration. The Award is made in honor of Professors George F. Stewart (1908-1982) and Malcolm C. Bourne (1926-2016) who were both passionate supporters of international food science and technology pursuits.

The Award is open to graduate students in any area within the science of food but must demonstrate international outreach, cooperation and/or collaboration. Submissions in areas of particular interest to Professors Stewart and Bourne will be viewed favorably, including:

- Food process engineering;
- Food chemistry;
- Rheology and food texture analysis;
- Food safety (including toxicology and microbiology); and
- Sustainability.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded at the IFT Annual Event from a list of 6 pre-selected finalists. Closing date for abstract submissions is January 18, 2020 11:59 p.m. CT.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Can I make changes to my abstract after the abstract submission deadline?**  
No. After the deadline, submitters will not be allowed to make changes.
- 2. When will I hear if my abstract was accepted for presentation?**  
Submitters will be notified late February 2021 whether their abstract was accepted for presentation at IFT21. ***Competition finalists will be notified by April 2020.***
- 3. What is the competition review process for abstracts?**  
Divisions will review all abstracts submitted to their Division only. Each Division competition may select up to 6 finalists to compete.
- 4. How do I submit an abstract?**  
Review the [Call for Abstract Submission Guidelines](#) for more information. You may submit on the [Call for Proposals TRP website](#).
- 5. What if I am having technical difficulties submitting my abstract?**  
If you need technical support, please email [help@mapyourshow.com](mailto:help@mapyourshow.com) or call (888)-527-8823 (International) 1-513-527-8823

## Questions & Technical Support

Contact the Knowledge & Learning Experiences Team ([trp@ift.org](mailto:trp@ift.org)) for any questions regarding the proposal process. If you need technical support, please email [help@mapyourshow.com](mailto:help@mapyourshow.com) or call (888)-527-8823 (International) 1-513-527-8823