



Division Graduate Student Oral Competition Submission Guidelines

FIRST 2022

**Chicago, IL
July 10-13, 2022**



Graduate Student Oral Competition

At IFT, oral competitions are held as a 12-minute presentation via slide deck followed by 3 minutes of Q&A. In order to be inclusive of all countries travel guidelines and to accommodate all finalists, all FIRST 2022 competitions will take place virtually. Competitions will take place on the dates leading up to FIRST 2022 via Zoom or a similar virtual platform. Competitions will be open to all FIRST 2022 attendees.

Finalists who are able to travel to Chicago to attend FIRST 2022 in person will have the opportunity to present their research live on the research showcase stage as a separate opportunity.

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 FIRST 2022 must be part of research done while a student.
- All abstracts must be submitted via [Call For Abstracts submission site](#), where competition submission is included within the workflow of submitting the abstract.
- Abstract Submission Deadline: January 14, 2022 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 (1st 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 FIRST 2022. Competition logistics will be sent to finalists as they are selected.
- 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.
- If you elect to compete, you are still required to present your poster for FIRST 2022 during your scheduled time or virtually.

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**)
- Sustainable Food Systems Division
- 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. All finalists will receive a certificate of achievement.

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.



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 from a list of 6 pre-selected finalists. Closing date for abstract submissions is January 14, 2022 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 early March 2022 whether their abstract was accepted for presentation at IFT21. ***Competition finalists will be notified by April 2022.***
- 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 [TRP Guidelines](#) for more information. You may submit on the [Call for Abstracts TRP website](#).
- 5. What if I am having technical difficulties submitting my abstract?**
If you need technical support, please email 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) for any questions regarding the proposal process. If you need technical support, please email help@mapyourshow.com or call (888)-527-8823 (International) 1-513-527-8823