



**Division Graduate Student Oral  
Competition  
Submission Guidelines**



**Chicago and Online  
July 16-19, 2023**



## **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 accommodate all finalists, all IFT FIRST competitions will take place virtually. Competitions will take place on the dates leading up to IFT FIRST via Zoom or a similar virtual platform. Competitions will be open to all IFT FIRST attendees.

Winners who are able to travel to Chicago to attend IFT FIRST 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 IFT FIRST must be part of research done while a student.
- All abstracts must be submitted via the [Call For Abstracts submission site](#), where competition submission is included within the workflow of submitting the abstract.
- Abstract Submission Deadline: January 11, 2023 by 11:59 pm Central Time
- Only the primary author is eligible to compete.
- A student may participate in **only one** 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 IFT FIRST. 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 IFT FIRST.

### **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/Visa 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 or in *Food Technology* magazine. 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 11, 2023 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 2023 whether their abstract was accepted for presentation at IFT FIRST. ***Competition finalists will be notified by end of April 2023.***
- 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. Where do I submit an abstract?**  
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](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