

Graduate Research Symposium Competition Guidelines

Department of Horticulture and Crop Science

October 10-11, 2019 | Columbus, OH

Competition Eligibility

- All graduate students enrolled in the department of Horticulture and Crop Science (HCS) and/or advised by an HCS faculty member OR a graduate student that graduated in the spring or summer of 2019 from the HCS Department.
- Students who participated in previous Graduate Research Symposium competitions are required to report additional or different data unless the previously presented data is being used to answer a different research question or different analytical procedures are utilized.
- Students may submit to more than one competition category if unique information is reported in each.
- Students must be registered for the event by the deadline.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

1. General Information

- All competition and non-competition categories require an abstract submission.
- Abstracts will be published in the Graduate Research Symposium Program Booklet that will be given to all participants of the Symposium (University affiliates and visitors) via E-mail as a PDF file.
- 20% of score will be from the submitted abstract.

2. Submission Date & Scoring

- Submitted by **6:00 PM on Friday, September 20, 2019.**
- Must include title, authors, and affiliations.
- 250-word limit without the title, authors, and affiliations.
- Times New Roman Font, Size 12, left aligned, and 1.15 spacing must be used.
- Submitted as a Word Document to this email address:
hcsgraduateresearchsymposium@gmail.com
- **Points will be deducted** for missing any of the above information or formatting or going over the word limit. Attached is an example of correct abstract formatting.

Oral Presentation Guidelines

3. Proposal Flash Talk

- **Categories:** MS or PhD
- **Time:** 5 minutes with 2 minutes for questions
- **Eligibility for this category:**
 - Student in their 1st year of their program as of the week of the

- symposium
 - OR a student passed their 1st year but presenting a newly developed project.
- **Additional Info:** Preliminary data presented can be the student's own data or obtained from a different source that supports the proposed research.
- **Competition Rules:**
 - **Three slides are required** (excluding title and acknowledgements).
 - The abstract (20%) and the presentation/question session (80%) will count toward the final score.
 - A 5-point deduction will occur if over the time limit by 1 minute.

4. Research Presentation

- **Categories:** MS or PhD
- **Time:** 10 minutes with 3 minutes for questions.
- **Eligibility for this category:**
 - Student that has new results (not presented at last year's GRS) from research to present.
 - OR a student that is asking a different question or using a different analytical technique with data that was previously presented at a GRS.
- **Competition Rules:**
 - A slide show or similar type of visual aid is required for this competition.
 - The abstract (20%) and the presentation/question session (80%) will count toward the final score.
 - A 5-point deduction will occur if over the time limit by 1 minute.

Poster Session

1. Graduate Student Poster Competition

- **Category:** Combined MS/PhD
- **Eligibility for this category:**
 - Student that has new results (not presented at last year's GRS) from research to present.
 - Or a student that is asking a different question or using a different analytical technique with data that was previously presented at a GRS.
- **Competition Rules:**
 - Presenters will be asked to give a 1-minute overview of their poster before the poster session begins.
 - Presenters are required to be by their poster during the poster session.
 - Posters must be set-up by the designated time to be announced.

2. Non-Competition Poster

- **Eligibility for this category:**

- Everyone qualifies. Open to all post docs, visiting scholars, staff, lab groups, faculty, and students.
- The abstract (20%) and the presentation/question session (80%) will count toward the final score.
- **General information:**
 - Cash prizes will not be awarded.
 - Posters must be set-up by the designated time to be announced.
 - Presenters should, if available, stand by their poster during the poster session.

Competition Disclaimers

- For a competition, if there are 3 or fewer competitors in each of the MS and PhD categories, the categories will be combined for that competition format. All affected students and judges will be informed of the change before the Symposium.
- Monetary awards will be given for the 1st place winner in each category (excluding the non-competition poster category). 2nd and 3rd place prizes may be awarded based on the final number of competition categories and participants.

Abstract Example

Your awesome title will be here

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The body of your abstract will go here. Please be sure to follow all the formatting instructions. For a refresher, the text should be Times New Roman, 12-point font, left aligned with 1.15 spacing. Please do not go over the 250- word limit.