



Guidelines for the Young Scholars Program

The purpose of this program is to recognize and feature the research accomplishments of recent Ph.D. graduates or current Ph.D. students in the advanced stages of their program (i.e. within 12 months of degree completion) at the annual ASAS Midwest Section meeting.

This program provides promising scholars within the ASAS Midwest Section opportunities to present timely research findings to an audience of academic and industry professionals in a forum that allows in-depth discussion of contemporary research techniques and findings. Invited participants will present a 30-minute presentation at the ASAS Midwest Section meeting. Inclusion of such presentations bolsters the quality and scope of graduate student research that is reported at the ASAS Midwest Section meeting and allows our association to highlight the next generation of scientists who will be serving the Society in the future. The intent of the Young Scholars Program is to recognize accomplishments of students in many disciplines through an invited presentation format; it is not intended as a competition.

Overview and Timeline

1. The Midwest ASAS President working in conjunction with the Midwest ASAS Secretary will contact Department Heads at each of the Midwest Section Universities to solicit nominations for the Young Scholars Programs.
2. Students working in Animal Science-related fields who are in the advanced stages of their program (i.e. within 12 months of degree completion) or have completed their PhD dissertation requirements within 12 months prior to the upcoming ASAS Midwest Section meeting are eligible for nomination. Nominees must also be members of the Midwest Section of ASAS.
3. Department Heads are asked to canvas faculty to determine all eligible students. Departments are allowed to nominate more than one student for the award, however, they must rank nominations submitted. Quality of research, interest to the broad audience represented at the Midwest meeting, oral presentation skills, and time of doctoral degree completion (favoring those who would not have a future opportunity) are suggested criteria on which the nominations should be based.
4. The Midwest ASAS President and Midwest ASAS Secretary will review nominations and recommend a targeted number of Young Scholars to invite. Up to 2 alternates may be identified if necessary.

5. Selected Young Scholars will be contacted when the call for meeting abstracts is announced, invited to participate, and given instructions about presentation length, quality, and abstract submission as an invited presentation. Invited Young Scholars will be asked to confirm their intent to participate. If unable, an alternate may be selected at the discretion of the Midwest ASAS President and ASAS Secretary.
6. The Midwest ASAS President will work with the Midwest ASAS Secretary and program committee chairs to assign Young Scholars to appropriate sessions as part of related symposia or interspersed in oral sessions with other papers in the same topic area.
7. Young Scholars presentations are to be 30-minute "INVITED" oral presentations. Presentations will preferably include related contemporary research conducted by others, as well as the Young Scholar's own research; as would be the case for invited symposia speakers. Time must be allotted within the 30 minutes for questions at the end of the presentation.
8. Students who are selected for this recognition and who present a paper at the ASAS Midwest Section meeting, will receive a plaque and a monetary award.
9. Letters of support and a recent CV for each nominee should be included in the online award nomination site.
10. Nominations for the Midwest Section Young Scholars Program are due by the published deadline.