Oral Presentation:

To be eligible to compete in the M.S. Division competition, graduate students must present original work completed as part of a M.S. program and either be currently enrolled in a M.S. program or have received a M.S. degree no more than six (6) months before abstract submission. To be eligible to compete in the Ph.D. Division competition, graduate students must present original work completed as part of a Ph.D. program and either be currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program or have received a Ph.D. degree no more than six (6) months before abstract submission.

The criteria for evaluating the graduate oral competition papers will be: clearness and correctness of the abstract; knowledge of the subject area; research quality and innovation; organization of the presentation; presentation and personal attributes; and appropriate use, clarity, and number of visuals.

Additional papers may be submitted for non-competition presentation in appropriate disciplinary sections.

Each institution may submit the research papers of one (1) M.S. and one (1) Ph.D. graduate student for the oral competitions.

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