



GRADUATE STUDENT COMPETITIVE RESEARCH PAPERS

M.S. and Ph.D. Divisions

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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 department may submit the research papers of one (1) M.S. and one (1) Ph.D. graduate student for the oral competitions. In the event of too many submissions by an institution, the department head will confirm which submission will be put forth for competition and the other submissions will be moved to the general sessions.

Nominees for competition divisions must have the student as a member of the ASAS. Nominees for competition divisions from an institution located outside the Midwest Section region must have the student as a member of the ASAS Midwest Section. The abstracts must follow the guidelines for electronic submissions plus: The abstract must be designated as either a M.S. or a Ph.D. oral competitive paper at the time of submission.