## **3MT Student Competition**

Graduate 3MT Competition: The Awards Competition Committee will select up to fifteen (15) abstracts, based on scientific merit, for presentation. Contestants must be the senior author and must be a current graduate student. The Graduate Student Paper Committee Chairperson will send rules and guidelines on the 3MT Competition to each selected participant and verify the eligibility of the contestant with the appropriate department chair/head. Persons who have placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in previous 3MT Competitions are ineligible. Please note that a manuscript is not required for participation in the Graduate 3MT Competition. Monetary prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for Ph.D. and M.S. categories based upon the availability of funds. The criteria for evaluating the competition papers will be: clarity and correctness of the abstract; knowledge of the subject area; research quality and innovation; organization of presentation; presentation and personal attributes; and appropriate use, clarity, and number of visuals. Note: Each individual who elects to participate in the Graduate 3MT Competition will also be required to present an expanded version of their presentation as a 12-minute presentation with 3 minutes for Q&A in their respective disciplinary section.

**Undergraduate 3MT Competition:** Junior or senior level students from institutions in the Southern Section with degree programs in agriculture related fields are encouraged to present data from their research efforts. Abstracts for the research paper competition should be submitted according to the directions described in "Call for Abstracts". The Undergraduate Student Paper Committee Chairperson will send rules and guidelines on the 3MT Competition to each selected participant and verify the eligibility of the contestant with the appropriate department chair/head. Note that the author may be a graduate student at the time the paper is presented but must have been an undergraduate at the time the research was conducted. The abstracts will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Student Paper Committee. Please note that a manuscript is not required for participation in the Undergraduate 3MT Competition. Monetary prizes will be awarded for  $1^{st}$ ,  $2^{nd}$ , and  $3^{rd}$  places based upon the availability of funds. The criteria for evaluating the competition abstracts will be: clarity and correctness of the abstract; knowledge of the subject area; research quality and innovation; organization of presentation; presentation and personal attributes; and appropriate use, clarity, and number of visuals. Note: Each individual who elects to participate in the Undergraduate 3MT Competition will also be required to present an expanded version of their presentation as a 12-minute presentation with 3 minutes for Q&A in the Teaching and Undergraduate Session.

**Submission Requirements:** Submission requirements are outlined in "Instructions for Abstract Submission", which may be found on the Southern Section website. After reading these instructions, if you have any questions regarding submission, contact asas@asas.org.