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Graduate Student Competition

- All Graduate Student Competition abstracts will also be presented as an additional expanded 12-minute talk in the most appropriate regular scientific session.
- Dependent upon the number of submissions, the Awards Competition Committee will sort the abstracts into Ph.D. and M.S. degree candidate sections based on scientific merit for presentation in the 3-minute thesis competition.
- Contestant must be the senior author and cannot hold academic rank above assistant professor.
- Rules and guidelines on the awards competition will be sent to each selected participant and their eligibility verified with the appropriate department chair/head.
- Persons who have placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in previous Awards competitions are ineligible.
- Awards will be presented to the top three places, respectively.

Undergraduate Research Competition

- Students classified as either a Junior or Senior at the time of submission and from institutions in the Southern Region with degree programs in Agriculture are encouraged to present data from their research efforts in the undergraduate 3-minute thesis competition.
- University verification that the student is enrolled at the time of the abstract submission will be requested from the student's department head/chair. Note that the author may be enrolled as a graduate student at the time the paper is presented.
- The abstracts will be reviewed by the Teaching and Undergraduate Education Committee.
- Awards will be presented to the top three places, respectively.

Information on the 3-minute thesis competition is available on the Southern Section Meeting web page at <https://www.asas.org/sections/southern-section/meetings> and will also be sent by email to the students once abstracts are reviewed and accepted into the competition.