



EMERGING SCHOLAR

Purpose: To recognize exceptional research being conducted within the southern region by Ph.D. candidates and their mentors. To provide a venue for promising Ph.D. candidates/graduates to present their dissertation research at the annual ASAS Southern Section meeting.

Awardee Recognition: Opportunity to deliver a 30-minute presentation followed by 15 minutes for questions and discussion in the appropriate discipline session at the ASAS Southern Section annual meeting; the presentation will be highlighted in the program as the “Emerging Scholar Presentation” and the expanded abstract will be published in the proceedings.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a current member of ASAS Southern Section.
2. Applicant must be a Ph.D. student at the time of submission or must have finished their Ph.D. program during the calendar year prior to the annual meeting.
3. Applicant must be available to deliver an in-person 30-minute presentation at the ASAS Southern Section annual meeting.
4. Research presented at the annual meeting and published in the abstract must be from the successful applicant’s dissertation project and must have been conducted while they were enrolled at an institution of higher education within the Southern Section region.
5. A nominee will be disqualified if the submitted abstract is found unacceptable as described in the ASAS “Quality Standards for Abstracts”.
6. Abstract does not have to be previously submitted during the “Call for Abstracts” but having done so does not disqualify it from being submitted for this award. The accept/reject decision for previously submitted abstracts under the normal “Call for Abstracts” has no influence on the selection process for the ASAS Southern Section Emerging Scholar.

Application Materials

1. An Expanded Abstract (not to exceed 5,000 characters and spaces). This will allow for more thorough description of all facets of the applicant’s dissertation research project.
2. Applicant must provide two letters of support, one from their dissertation advisor and one from their department head or their designee.
3. Applicant must provide a two-page Bio/CV (excluding publication list) according to the following guidelines:
 - Educational History – B.S. to Ph.D. including institutions and years degrees were conferred
 - Employment History – most recent first
 - List of Honors & Awards
 - Professional Service and Activities

- Provide (in *Journal of Animal Science* style) a complete list of published or in press publication materials under the following categories:
 - Books & book chapters
 - Refereed journal articles
 - Proceedings papers
 - Abstracts
 - Other
- Applicant must provide biographical material for a Citation for Printing and Reading (not to exceed 1,000 characters and spaces).

Application Procedure

1. Application is to be submitted electronically via the ASAS Award website and this award process will adhere to the current rules of the National ASAS.
2. Applicant must select the meeting session where the presentation will occur **if** selected as the award recipient.
3. The successful applicant's expanded abstract will be the **ONLY one** of these abstracts presented at the ASAS Southern Section Annual Meeting and published in the subsequent proceedings. If the awardee abstract contains redundant information to an abstract previously submitted in the open "Call for Abstracts", it will replace the 15-minute presentation so that the information is not presented twice at the ASAS Southern Section Annual Meeting.
4. All entries must be submitted by published award nomination deadlines.

Selection Criteria

The application will be judged on the following content:

1. 60% on Expanded Abstract – importance, originality, clarity, implications of research
2. 20% on Letters of Support
3. 20% on Applicant's Bio/CV – demonstrated ability to conduct, present and publish research
4. Selection Committee – The selection committee will be a panel of the past year's Disciplinary Program Chairs. The non-voting chairperson will be the Past-President of ASAS Southern Section. The committee should finish the process within three weeks of the award submission deadline so that the Program Chair can complete the schedule for the annual meeting.

Notification

The award recipient will be notified within one month after the award submission deadline to allow adequate time for preparing the presentation.

Note: All applicants are encouraged to also submit a standard abstract through the usual abstract submission website during the "Call for Abstracts". **IF** you are the recipient of the award, you will be given the **OPTION** of withdrawing that abstract.