

2018 Student Competition Descriptions

For more details on a section or division award, please contact the [Community Leader](#) or [Section/Division Chair](#).

Any monetary awards will be issued by check and mailed after the Annual Meeting.

Agronomy

ASA Community – Applied Soybean Research

ASA Section: Agronomic Production Systems

Oral Session: “Applied Soybean Research Oral Session (includes student competition)

The Applied Soybean Research community

(<https://www.agronomy.org/membership/communities/applied-soybean-research>) will sponsor a Graduate Student Oral Competition, which allows students to increase their visibility within the applied soybean research community and participate in professional interactions. All graduate students (MS and PhD) working in applied soybean research are encouraged to participate. Monetary awards will be given for first (\$300), second (\$200) and third place (\$100) winners for two categories: PhD and MS. Interested graduate students should submit abstracts online through the normal abstract submission process and mark that they wish to enter into the graduate student competition. Presenters will be judged by volunteers who are a part of the Applied Soybean Research community based on the quality of their presentation, interpretation and impact of research results, and ability to answer questions based on criteria developed by community leaders. The criteria can be requested from Dr. Carrie Knott (carrie.knott@uky.edu). The winners will be announced at the Applied Soybean Research Community business meeting, if possible, and via email to the community after the annual meeting.

ASA Community – Bioenergy Systems

ASA Section: Agronomic Production Systems

Poster Session: The purpose of the Bioenergy Systems Graduate Student Poster Awards Program is to recognize outstanding scientific poster contributions presented by graduate students at the Annual Meetings. Posters submitted to the competition will be judged according to prescribed criteria developed by the Community Awards Committee. Judges are to be selected by the Community Leaders and Vice-Leaders from the volunteers who are members of the Bioenergy Systems Community. Judges will visit each eligible poster as they are presented, and score each poster. Scores will be summarized and discussed by the Committee to determine award recipients. Three awards will be presented, First Place award (\$250) and First Runner-Up (\$200) Second Runner-up (\$150), to the top three scores determined by the judges. The outstanding posters and authors will be recognized during the Community Business Meeting and/or via email to the Community after the annual meeting. A monetary award and a certificate will be presented to each one of the winners.

ASA Community – Organic Management Systems

ASA Section: Agronomic Production Systems

Poster Session: The Organic Management Systems Community will organize a Graduate Student Poster competition to recognize outstanding poster presentations made by graduate students. All poster presentations given by graduate students in the Community “Poster” session will be eligible for Poster Presentation Awards. Presenters will be judged based on the quality of their presentation, originality of the work, organization and interpretation of the experimental results, and response to questions asked by graduate student poster judges. The judges will be selected by the Community Leader and Vice Leader. A prescribed point system developed by the judges will be used to rank the posters. Three monetary awards along with certificates will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, assuming a minimum of five graduate students enter the competition and winners are present when awards are handed out, which will be during the Agronomy Production Section business meeting. Those graduate students interested in entering the competition must submit an abstract through the ASA website <https://www.acsmeetings.org>, selecting the poster session for the Organic Management Systems Community and noting that you wish to enter the paper in the graduate student competition.

ASA Community – Precision Agriculture Systems

ASA Section: Agronomic Production Systems

The purpose of the competitions is to promote the participation and activities of graduate students studying the development or use of precision agriculture technologies or decision support models. Graduate students working on precision agriculture technologies will submit abstracts online through the normal abstract submission process. As recognition of the outstanding work conducted by the students in this area, awards will be given for both the oral and poster competitions. We will have first, second, and third place awards, for the oral and poster sessions for a total of six graduate student awards.

ASA Community – Semi-arid Dryland Cropping Systems

ASA Section: Agronomic Production Systems

Poster Session: The Semi-arid Dryland Cropping Systems Community will organize a Graduate Student Poster competition to recognize outstanding poster presentations made by graduate students. All poster presentations given by graduate students in the Community “Poster” session will be eligible for Poster Presentation Awards. Presenters will be judged based on the quality of their presentation, originality of the work, organization and interpretation of the experimental results, and response to questions asked by graduate student poster judges. The judges will be selected by the Community Leader and Vice Leader. A prescribed point system developed by the judges will be used to rank the posters. Three monetary awards along with certificates will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, assuming a minimum of five graduate students enter the competition and winners are present when awards are handed out, which will be during the Agronomy Production Section business meeting. Those graduate students interested in entering the competition must submit an abstract through the ASA website <https://www.acsmeetings.org>, selecting the poster session for the Semi-arid Dryland Cropping Systems Community and noting that you wish to enter the paper in the graduate student competition.

ASA Community – Sensor Based Nutrient Management

ASA Section: Agronomic Production Systems

The Sensor-Based Nutrient Management Community will sponsor a Graduate Student Oral Competition. Awards will be given for the oral competition, with certificates and cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 given for first, second, and third place winners, respectively. The competition will be cosponsored by the Precision Agricultural Systems Community, but will be open to all graduate students with appropriate topics. Interested graduate students will submit abstracts online through the normal abstract submission process. The competition will be announced on the ASA web site and through the community e-mail list. The Leaders of the communities will develop and head a judging team comprising a minimum total of four persons to judge the competitions. Presenters will be judged based on the quality of presentation, originality of the work, and interpretation of the experimental results, based on criteria that are developed by the judging teams. If time permits, the winners will be announced at the community business meetings.

Soil Fertility, Plant Nutrition, and Soil/Plant Analysis

ASA Section: Agronomic Production Systems

This group will hold Graduate Student Oral and Poster Competitions. Topics may include any aspect of Soil Fertility, Plant Nutrition, Nutrient Management, or Soil and Plant Analysis. Organizers will group entries by degree level (MS vs PhD) or broad topic area to create sessions of reasonable size. The number of sessions will depend on number of entries. Cash prizes will be given, with an award for first place in each session, and progressively smaller cash awards for lower places. The number of places awarded a cash prize and the dollar amount of those prizes will be determined by the Program Organizers based on the number of sessions and the total amount of prize money available. Companies conducting business in areas related to this group will donate the money used for cash prizes. The competition will be announced through email lists. Graduate students may enter either the poster competition or the oral competition, but not both. Interested graduate students will submit abstracts online to the Graduate Student Oral or Poster competition session through the normal abstract submission process. In order to be eligible for the competitions the student must have listed either Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition or Nutrient Management and Soil and Plant Analysis as their division of primary interest in their membership. The Past Chairs of the group will develop and head a judging team or teams. Presenters will be judged based on the quality of presentation, originality of the work, and interpretation of the experimental results. Winners will be announced either at this group's update meeting or at the Walsh Lectureship at the annual meeting.

ASA Community – Airborne and Satellite Remote Sensing

ASA Section: Climatology and Modeling

Graduate Student Oral Competition: The Airborne and Satellite Remote Sensing Community will sponsor a Graduate Student Oral Competition to recognize the professional and outstanding achievements made by graduate students (MS and PhD) in the topical sessions of the Community. All oral presentations made by graduate students in the Community session "**Airborne and Satellite Remote Sensing General Oral Session**" will be eligible for Oral Presentation Awards. Interested graduate students should submit the abstract through the ASA Section: Climatology and Modeling website, selecting oral in the Community session

“Agricultural Remote Sensing Oral” and noting the paper is to be entered into the Graduate Student Competition. Presenters will be judged by volunteers, who are a part of the community. Evaluation criteria will include the quality of the presentation, originality, and importance of the research, interpretation of experimental results, and ability to answer questions. The “Best Graduate Student Paper” will receive a cash award and a certificate. The graduate student awardees will be announced via email to the entire Community.

ASA Community – Evapotranspiration Measurement and Modeling

ASA Section: Climatology and Modeling

The Evapotranspiration Measurement and Modeling (EMM) Community will organize “Graduate Student Oral and Poster” competitions to recognize outstanding oral and poster presentations made by graduate students in the topical sessions of the Community. All oral presentations given by graduate students in the Community session “Measurement and Modeling of Evapotranspiration and Its Practical Applications Oral” will be eligible for Oral Presentation Awards. All poster presentations given by graduate students in the Community session “Measurement and Modeling of Evapotranspiration and Its Practical Applications Poster” will be eligible for Poster Presentation Awards. Presenters will be judged based on the quality of presentation, originality of the work, and organization and interpretation of the experimental results. Abstracts must be submitted through the website <https://www.acsmeetings.org>, selecting either of the aforementioned Community sessions and noting that you wish to enter the paper in the graduate student competition. Judges are to be selected by the Community Leader and Vice Leader. Rankings will be according to the prescribed point system developed by the judges. Two monetary awards will be given: one each for “Best Graduate Student Paper” in the Oral and Poster categories. Award value will be decided based on the funding available to the EMM Community. The graduate student awardees will be announced via email to the entire Community.

ASA Community – Global Climate Change

ASA Section: Climatology and Modeling

The Global Climate Change (GCC) Community will organize "Graduate Student Oral and Poster" competitions to recognize outstanding oral and poster presentations made by graduate students in the topical sessions of the Community. All oral presentations made by graduate students in the Community session "**Global Climate Change: More Recent Observations and Adaptations Oral**" will be eligible for Oral Presentation Awards. All poster presentations made by graduate students in the Community session "**Global Climate Change and AgMIP Poster Session**" will be eligible for Poster Presentation Awards. Presenters will be judged based on the quality of presentation, originality of the work, and organization and interpretation of the experimental results. Abstracts must be submitted through the website <https://www.acsmeetings.org>, selecting either of the aforementioned Community sessions and noting that you wish to enter the paper in the graduate student competition. Judges are to be selected by the Community Leader and Vice Leader. Rankings will be according to the prescribed point system developed by the judges. Four monetary awards will be given: two each for "Best Graduate Student Paper" in the Oral and Poster categories. Award value will be decided based on the funding available to the GCC Community. Runners-up for each category will be given certificates of recognition. The graduate student awardees will be announced via email to the entire Community.

ASA Community – Model Applications in Field Research

ASA Section: Climatology and Modeling

The Model Applications in Field Research community will sponsor a Graduate Student Poster Competition to recognize the professional achievement of young scientists and to foster opportunities for continued professional development. Abstracts must be submitted through the ASA Section: Climatology and Modeling website, selecting the competition poster session in the Community and noting the paper is to be entered into the Graduate Student Competition. Presentations will be judged by individuals appointed by the Community Leader and Vice-Leader. Evaluation criteria (equal weighting) will include rationale and objective, research methodology, interpretation of results, contribution to knowledge and clarity of presentation. The top three poster presentations will receive a certificate and a cash awards for first, second and third place, respectively.

ASA Community – Soil-Plant-Water Relations

ASA Section: Climatology and Modeling

The Soil-Plant-Water Relations (SPWR) community will sponsor a Graduate Student Poster Competition to recognize the professional achievement of young scientists and to foster opportunities for continued professional development. Abstracts must be submitted through the ASA Section: Climatology and Modeling website, selecting Poster in the Community session “Soil-Plant-Water Relations Poster” and noting the paper is to be entered into the Graduate Student Competition. Presentations will be judged by individuals appointed by the Community Leader and Vice-Leader. Evaluation criteria (equal weighting) will include rationale and objective, research methodology, interpretation of results, contribution to knowledge and clarity of presentation. The top three poster presentations will receive a certificate and a cash award of \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third place, respectively.

ASA Community – Animal Agriculture and the Environment

ASA Section: Environmental Quality

The purpose of the Graduate Student Poster Awards Program of the Animal Agriculture and the Environment Community is to recognize outstanding poster contributions presented by graduate students at the Annual Meetings. Each Session Organizer will prepare a list of all Animal Agriculture and the Environment-affiliated graduate student posters to be judged. Judging will be according to prescribed criteria developed by the Community Awards Committee. Judges are to be selected by the Community Awards Committee. Judges will visit each eligible poster as they are presented, and score each poster. Scores will be summarized and discussed by the Committee to determine award recipients. Three awards will be presented, one First-Place award and two Runner-Up awards, to the top three scores determined by the judges. The outstanding posters and authors will be recognized during the Community Business Meeting and/or via email to the Community after the annual meeting. A monetary award and a certificate will be presented to each one of the winners.

ASA Community – Biochar: Agronomic and Environmental Uses

ASA Section: Environmental Quality

Poster Session - *Agronomic and Environmental Applications of Biochar Poster (includes student competition)*

The Biochar: Agronomic and Environmental Uses community

(<https://www.agronomy.org/membership/communities/biochar-agronomic-and-environmental-uses>) will sponsor a Graduate Poster Competition. All graduate students working with biochar are encouraged to participate. Interested graduate students should submit abstracts online through the normal abstract submission process and mark that they wish to enter into the graduate student competition. Posters will be judged based on the quality of the poster presentation, originality and importance of the research, interpretation of experimental results, and how well the presenter communicates his or her findings to the judges. The top three posters will be announced at the community business meeting. Winners are expected to be present at the meeting to receive their monetary award and certificate.

ASA Community: Nutrients and Environmental Quality

ASA Section: Environmental Quality

The Nutrients and Environmental Quality (NEQ) Community will conduct one oral and one poster competition at the annual meeting. A student may participate in either the oral or the poster competition, but not both. Students who participate in sessions that have the NEQ Community designated as the first sponsor are eligible for the competition, but must register during abstract submission in order to be considered for the competition. Presentations in each category will be evaluated by volunteer members of the community. Cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be awarded to the first, second, and third place in each category. Additional honorable awards (\$50) may be awarded. Presentations will be judged based on originality and significance of the research, interpretation and presentation of results, the ability to address questions, and overall quality of presentation. Each presentation will be evaluated by a minimum of three judges. Final results will be summarized and discussed by the community leader, vice-leader, and volunteers. The awards will be announced at the end or immediately after the annual meeting.

ASA Community – Soil Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

ASA Section: Environmental Quality

Graduate Student Poster Competition

Graduate students are welcome to submit a poster and compete for the awards in the Graduate Student Poster Competitions organized by Soil Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Community. The posters will be judged by a group of judges based on the quality of presentation, originality of the work, interpretation of the results, and visual appeal. Awards will be given at the section business meeting with cash prizes of \$250, \$200, and \$150 given for first, second, and third place winners, respectively. Funds will be provided from the “Program Enhancement Fund” of the community. Students need to submit an abstract online through the normal abstract submission process to one of the eligible poster sessions designated by the community. The Community Leader will designate the Past Leader or other community member to lead the judging team, composed of members of the community or co-sponsoring community.

ASA Community – Cover Crop Management

ASA Section: Land Management and Conservation

This award will recognize outstanding oral or Rapid Results presentations made by graduate students in the Cover Crop Management sessions at the annual meeting. All graduate student presentations will be eligible; students may participate in either the poster Rapid Results or the oral competition, but not both. Presentations will be judged by three independent reviewers, and will be evaluated based on the quality of the presentation, the originality of the work, and the organization and interpretation of results. Winners will be selected based on the prescribed point system developed by the community. Interested graduate students must submit abstracts before the deadline to the online website, and indicate their interest in the graduate student competition. The top three presentations in the Oral competition will receive a cash award of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for first, second and third place, respectively. To present in the Rapid Results competition, graduate students must present a poster and a 5 Minute Rapid presentation. Winners will be awarded cash awards of \$100, \$50, and \$25 for first, second and third place, respectively, based on judges' decision. Honorable mention winners may be awarded for either competition, and will receive a letter of recognition. In the event that the number of entrants to either competition is low, the judges and community leaders may reduce the number of awards given. The outstanding presenters will be recognized at the community business meeting and via e-mail after the annual meeting.

ASA Community – Soil Health

ASA Section: Land Management and Conservation

This is a poster session to encourage students who are doing research in soil health and agroecosystems. Posters will be judged on clarity of work, effective communication of science, and research presented. We encourage you to submit your scientific posters to this session for competitive financial awards. Awards for student poster include First Place \$300 Second Place \$200 Third Place \$100.

Canadian Society of Agronomy

Poster Session:

The purpose of the Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) Graduate Student Poster Awards Program is to recognize outstanding scientific poster contributions presented by CSA graduate students at the Annual Meeting. Students are asked to submit their poster to the most appropriate ASA or CSSA sessions. The CSA will then ensure that judges will be at the necessary sessions for judging. Judging guidelines are available from previous years. Posters will be judged by a committee of at least 3 CSA members. Judges will visit and score each eligible poster as they are presented. Scores will be summarized and discussed by the committee to determine award recipients. Up to three awards will be presented based on the top three scores determined by the judges. The outstanding posters and authors will be recognized during the Canadian Society of Agronomy Business Meeting held at the ASA-CSSA-CSA joint annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland and/or via email to the CSA membership after the annual meeting. A monetary award and a certificate will be presented to each one of the winners. All award payments will be processed after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Oral Session:

The purpose of the Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) Graduate Student Oral Awards Program is to recognize outstanding scientific oral presentations made by CSA graduate students at the Annual Meeting. Students are asked to submit their poster to the most appropriate ASA or CSSA sessions.

The CSA will then ensure that judges will be at the necessary sessions for judging. Judging guidelines are available from previous years. Oral presentations will be judged by a committee of at least 3 CSA members. Judges will attend and score each eligible oral presentation as they are presented. Scores will be summarized and discussed by the committee to determine award recipients. Up to three awards will be presented based on the top three scores determined by the judges. The outstanding oral presentations and authors will be recognized during the Canadian Society of Agronomy Business Meeting held at the ASA-CSSA-CSA joint annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland and/or via email to the CSA membership after the annual meeting. A monetary award and a certificate will be presented to each one of the winners. All award payments will be processed after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

The Canadian Society of Agronomy Best Educational Video Awards 2017-18

Eligibility

All graduate students, undergraduate students, research technicians and post-doctoral fellows conducting their research in plant sciences/agronomy are eligible for the awards. However, preference may be given to CSA members. All videos will be played in a session during CSA Annual Meeting 2018 and posted on the society's web page.

Rules for making video

1. The video should be focussed on any agronomic practice or related topics. A wide range of topics including but not limited to weed biology and description, weed management practices, tillage and land operations, integrated pest management, water management in agriculture etc. can be used as theme for the video.
2. The video should be easy to understand by high school and undergraduate students.
3. The video should be of 3-5 minutes in length.
4. Only one submission per participant will be considered.
5. There should not be any effects or changes in the original video.
6. Participant should agree to share his/her video on CSA pages on social networking sites and the website of the society. Additionally, permission should be granted to share the video with any educational institution worldwide.

Deadline

April 15, 2017.

How to Submit Your Video?

Share in Dropbox or Google Drive with Gurcharn.brar@usask.ca

Award

All entries will be judged by the Awards Committee of the CSA. Two to three awards will be presented to the top entries. The awards will be presented at the CSA Annual Meeting-2018 awards ceremony.

Crops

Div. C-1 – Crop Breeding and Genetics

Div. C-1 sponsors a Graduate Student Poster Competition where judging is based on title, clarity, graphics, organization and content, and subject knowledge. Posters should be formatted according to instructions from meeting organizers and include Title, Authors, Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusions sections. A photocopy of the poster should also be available.

Poster contest winners will be awarded \$500 for the first place winner, \$350 for second place, and \$150 for third place. The student author must be present to be eligible for competition. Eligible participants must have student status during the 2017-2018 academic years, and the poster must represent their student research. Winners will be announced at the business meeting if possible, or immediately following the annual meeting.

Div. C-2 – Crop Physiology and Metabolism

Graduate Student Oral Competition

Interested students should submit their abstract to either Oral or Poster. Only one submission per student is allowed, and submissions must be received by **June 5, 2018**. A maximum of 15 presentations will be selected for the oral competition, based on the timeliness of submission and quality of the submitted abstracts. Presentations not selected will be moved to the poster session. All abstracts must adhere to the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA requirements available at <https://www.acsmeetings.org/poster-oral-papers>. Presentations will be judged on: 1) justification of the problem or rationale, 2) hypotheses and or objectives, 3) technical merit and experimental design, 4) attractiveness, design of layout, tables, and figures, 5) evaluation and interpretation of results, and 6) overall student knowledge, insight, and ability to answer questions on topic.

Detailed guidelines for the competition can be requested from Dr. Glen Ritchie (glen.ritchie@ttu.edu, Chair of Div. C-2). The top three students in the oral competitions will be recognized with a cash award of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for first, second, and third place.

All students participating in the oral competition session are expected to attend the C-2 Business Meeting.

These awards to the winning students will be presented during the Business Meeting.

Graduate Student Poster Competition

Interested students should submit their abstract to Poster or Oral. Only one submission per student is allowed, and submissions must be received by **June 5, 2018**. A maximum of 15 presentations will be selected for the poster competition, based on the quality of the submitted abstracts. Presentations not selected for the competition will be moved to the general poster session.

All abstracts must adhere to the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA requirements available at <https://www.acsmeetings.org/poster-oral-papers>. Presentations will be judged on: 1) justification of the problem or rationale, 2) hypotheses and or objectives, 3) technical merit and experimental design, 4) attractiveness, design of layout, tables, and figures, 5) evaluation and interpretation of results, and 6) overall student knowledge, insight, and ability to answer questions on topic.

Detailed guidelines for the competition can be requested from Dr. Bingru Huang (huang@aesop.rutgers.edu, Chair of Div. C-2). The top three students in the poster competitions will be recognized with a cash award of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for first, second, and third place.

All students participating in the oral competition session are expected to attend the C-2 Business Meeting.

These awards to the winning students will be presented during the Business Meeting.

Div. C-3 – Crop Ecology, Management and Quality

The Graduate Student Poster Contest for Division C-3 (Crop Ecology, Management & Quality) at the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD offers students opportunities to increase their visibility within the Society, to be honored by Division C-3 representatives for particularly exemplary posters, and to receive expanded professional interaction plus formal

feedback from judges on their posters. The top 3 MS students and the top 3 PhD students in the contest will receive cash awards and be recognized during the Division C-3 Business Meeting.

Graduate students are required to formally enter the competition when submitting their abstract (early submission due May 22; late fee submission deadline June 5). The student must be the lead author of the contest entry. Graduate student contestants do not need to be members of the Crop Science Society of America to participate, but at least one of the co-authors must be a CSSA member. Information presented in the Division C-3 Graduate Student Poster Contest is to be original and unique. If a topic has been used by the author in another presentation at previous scientific meetings, or in a prior publication, additional data must be included to constitute a unique presentation. All posters will be half size (44.5” x 44.5”). Students in the PhD competition will also be required to present a 5-minute Rapid Talk to introduce the topic and present key points, and must register accordingly.

Abstracts are not required to be printed on the poster in order to save space for greater detail in other sections (they will be submitted separately and available to judges prior). Reference citations should be included where appropriate, especially to defend or refute results previously seen in literature (not necessary to create a full literature review in the Introduction section).

The following criteria and point allocation will be used by judges to evaluate the posters:

Poster Content	Points	Criteria
Abstract	20	An informative abstract that is concise, and calls attention to all relevant subject matter in the paper/presentation
Intro./Conclusions	15	Content, clarity, format, and grammar, significance/importance of research
Project Development	15	Rationale, objectives, organization, methods, and application to crop management and ecology
Project Results	15	Balance in quantity and quality of information presented in support of the study’s objectives, capability for rapid viewer absorption of essential results, and accompanying grammar and style
Appearance	15	Engaging title, attractive layout, legible font size for all text, well-designed tables and figures, clear and relevant photographs, and logical progression
Physical Presence and Oration	20	Interaction and mannerisms with poster viewers and judges including volume, confidence, enthusiasm, enunciation, and response to questions
5-Minute Rapid Oral (Ph.D. only)	20	Oral presentation to introduce topic and highlight key points

Div. C-5 – Turfgrass Science

Div. C-5 sponsors awards in multiple categories. There are the Graduate Student Poster and Oral Competitions. These provide cash awards to the first place winner in each of several categories. While second and third place finishers may be acknowledged, awards are contingent on available

funds. The judging is based on the quality of the science, clarity of presentation, and skill with which the presenters answer questions posed by the judges. The presentations are judged by volunteer judges who are members of Div. C-5. Categories include four poster and four oral competitions in General Turf Ecology, Golf Course Management (sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America), Turf Breeding (sponsored by the Turfgrass Breeders Association), and Applied Turf/Pest Management (sponsored by the Industry Committee). Awards are announced at the C-5 Business Meeting.

Div. C-6 – Forage and Grazinglands

The Robert F Barnes Graduate Education Awards recognize graduate students who make outstanding oral (Ph.D. students only) or poster presentations (MS students only) in Division C-6. Selection as an award recipient will be based on quality of the oral/poster presentation and the contribution of research to the Division's fields of study. Awards for oral presentations will be 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, and 3rd \$100 and for poster presentations: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, and 3rd \$100. Awards are presented at the C-6 Division business meeting.

Div. C09 – Biomedical, Health-Beneficial and Nutritionally Enhanced Plants

To encourage student participation and provide students with opportunities to develop presentation skills, C-09 is sponsoring a student poster/rapid oral presentation contest. Participants must be enrolled as a student at the time of a meeting, present a poster in the C-09 poster session, and present a rapid oral presentation about their poster in the C-09 session. The past division chair will coordinate the judging committee, and this committee will rank the competitors based on the poster presentation (25%), the oral presentation (25%), scientific merit of their work (25%), and their oral presentation of the poster to judges in the poster session (25%). The top presenter will be awarded \$250, second place will be awarded \$100, and third place will be awarded \$50. Winners will be announced at the business meeting.

Societies

ACS528 - Diversity Student Poster Competition

The poster competition is open to all graduate students from under-represented groups. Poster abstracts must be submitted to the appropriate session within ASA or CSSA by the deadline and to the ACS528 Committee contact person Candiss Williams (Candiss.Williams@lin.usda.gov), by **June 5, 2018**. Acknowledgment of receipt from the Diversity Committee indicates successful abstract submission and inclusion in the Diversity Poster Competition. Winners will be recognized during the Gateway Scholars Program during the Annual Meetings in Baltimore, MD. Winners will receive certificates and monetary awards of \$300, \$250, and \$200 for first, second and third places, respectively. Completed posters must be received electronically by the ACS528 Committee no later than November 1, 2018 for full consideration. For additional information visit acsmeetings.org/graduates/diversity.