



Interested in competing for two of the top student awards that AFS has to offer at this year's Annual Meeting in Columbus?

Apply to participate in the Best Student Paper/Poster Symposium!
150th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society
August 31, 2020

The AFS Best Student Paper/Poster Symposium includes presentations and posters representing all aspects of research in freshwater and marine ecosystems, including theoretical and statistical modeling, molecular tools, laboratory experiments, and field manipulations/observations. Only undergraduate and graduate research projects near completion will be considered for Best Student Presentation and Poster Awards. Please **do not** submit proposal presentations for consideration.

To be considered, students must self identify their interest in being considered for the award in the abstract submission portal located at <https://afs.confex.com/afs/2020/cfp.cgi>. Those submitting an oral presentation need to upload both a standard **AND** an extended abstract (examples available at the Education Section website), but poster presenters need only submit a standard abstract. Both poster and oral presenters need to request that the major advisor submit an e-mail to the symposium co-chairs (see right) indicating that the study is at a stage appropriate for consideration for this award. All of the above application materials are due by **Friday, March 20**. *Failure to submit all required materials by the deadline will result in disqualification from further evaluation.*

Best Student Presentation and Poster finalists will be notified in early **April 2020**. Students not selected for the Best Paper/Poster Symposium will be assigned to other another symposium related to their research area by the Columbus program organizers. The Best Student Paper Symposium will be held during schedule symposia times on 8/31, and the Best Student Posters will be judged during the Poster and Trade Show Social later that evening. Award recipients will be announced at the AFS Business Meeting in Columbus. Winners in each category receive a **\$450.00 (USD)** check and **an award plaque.**

We look forward to seeing the best of what our future fisheries professionals have to offer! For more information, including abstract examples, go to the "Best Student Presentation and Poster Awards" page:

<https://education.fisheries.org/awards/best-student-presentation-and-poster/>.

We look forward to reviewing your applications and if you have any questions, please contact your 2020 Best Student Paper/Poster Symposium co-chairs:

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