

The logo for the American Fisheries Society Education Section. It features the letters 'AFS' in a large, bold, black font. Below 'AFS' are the words 'EDUCATION SECTION' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a circular emblem composed of many small, black fish silhouettes arranged in a ring, with a single red fish silhouette in the center.

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The American Fisheries Society Best Student Paper & Poster Competition is Changing Formats

Apply to participate in the Best Student Paper/Poster Symposium!

151st Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society

November 6-10, 2021 in Baltimore, MD and online

The AFS Best Student Paper/Poster Symposium is changing formats so students no longer have to choose between being in a Best Student Paper symposium or a topic-specific symposium. Now, students can submit their abstract to the symposium of their choice AND send a copy of their abstract to wuellnermr@unk.edu to be judged for the best paper competition. Electronic presentations (recorded talk for Oral and PDF or PowerPoint for posters) will be judged before the meeting and finalists and award winners will be recognized at the meeting. This will provide better networking opportunities for oral presenters (being in topic-specific symposia presenting to people interested in the topic of their paper) while still allowing them to compete for AFS's top award for student presentations.

Only undergraduate and graduate research projects near completion (or <1 yr after graduation) will be considered for Best Student Presentation and Poster Awards. Please **do not** submit proposal presentations for consideration. Those submitting an oral presentation need to email an extended abstract (examples available at the Education Section website), but poster presenters need only email a standard abstract. Both poster and oral presenters need to request that the major advisor submit an e-mail to wuellnermr@unk.edu indicating that the study is at a stage appropriate for consideration for this award. All of the above application materials are due by [8/16/2021](#). *Failure to submit all required materials (i.e., advisor letter and appropriate abstracts) by the deadline will result in disqualification from further evaluation.*

Award recipients will be announced at the AFS Business Meeting in Maryland. 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 2021 Best Student Paper/Poster Symposium co-chairs:

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