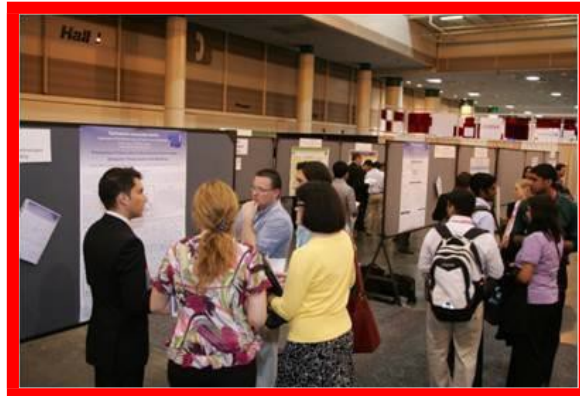


# Competition Guidelines



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# Division Graduate Student Research Paper Competition Guidelines

Submission Deadline: December 18, 2017 by 4pm Central Standard Time

## Eligibility


- Students entering the competition must be members of IFT by date of submission (no later than December 18, 2017). Competitors **must be students at the time of submission to be eligible to compete.**
  - If student graduates after submission, all work presented at date of IFT8 division competition must be part of research done while a student.
- The student entering the competition must be the **principal author** of the paper. The entrant's name must be listed first to denote the student as the presenter / speaker.
- The paper must be accepted to be presented at IFT18.
- A student may submit **only one** paper to a division competition in any one year.
- **Past IFT division competition winners are not eligible.** How

## to Enter

- All entries must be submitted online via Planstone by **December 18, 2017**.
- All entries must comply with the "Call for Abstracts Submission Guidelines."
- The majority of Division competitions are printed poster competitions. A select few divisions offer oral competitions; you will be contacted if you qualify for an oral competition. *Please note there are **no** ePoster competitions; if you submit an ePoster presentation and it is accepted, you will need to create a printed poster for the Competition.*
- **If you elect to compete, you must still present your printed poster or ePoster at your assigned scheduled time. Note: the student competition is a separate event from the abstract presentations.**

## **Review criteria**


Divisions can select up to six finalists using the review criteria below. Each reviewer will provide a score of 1-5 for technical merit, writing, and organization. These three criteria will be weighted as noted. IFT will take the average of all reviewers' scores and share that with the Division competition chair. Using this data, the competition chairs will determine up to 6 finalists for the onsite IFT18 competition.



50% of overall score

### Technical Merit:


- Did the work completed require technical skill?
- Is the research significant to the field?
- Is the research original and unique or merely confirmatory?
- Is the research applicable to food science and technology?



30% of overall score

### Writing:

- Is the abstract written in a comprehensive manner? Is the work explained so individuals unfamiliar with the subject matter can comprehend it?
- If a judge is not a specialist in your area of expertise, would the content of your abstract fully explain the research?
- Are there major grammatical errors?



20% of overall score

### Organization:

- Is the abstract presented clearly?
- Did the authors sufficiently and cogently summarize each section of the abstract?
- Are the methods sufficiently described?
- Does the abstract address the main components of the submission guidelines: Justification, Objective, Methods, Results and Significance?

### **Printer poster competitions:**

- Aquatic Food Products
- Biotechnology
- Carbohydrate
- Dairy Foods (**John C. Bruhn**)
- Food Engineering
- Food Laws & Regulations
- Food Microbiology (**John C. Ayres**)
- Food Packaging
- Foodservice
- Fruit & Vegetable Products
- International (**George F. Stewart and Malcolm Bourne**)
- Marketing & Management
- Muscle Foods
- Nonthermal Processing
- Nutraceutical & Functional Foods
- Nutrition (**Mark L. Bieber**)
- Quality Assurance
- Product Development
- Protein
- Refrigerated & Frozen Foods
- Sensory & Consumer Sciences
- Toxicology & Safety Evaluation (**Susan L. Hefle**)

### **Oral competitions:**

- Dairy Foods (**Manfred Kroger**)
- Food Microbiology (**Z. John Ordal**)
- Sensory and Consumer Sciences (**Rose Marie Pangborn**)
- Food Chemistry
- Protein

### **Poster Competition Timeframe and Approach**

All poster competitions will be scheduled and judged at the same time.

- Poster finalists will be asked to check-in and set-up prior to the start of the competition. All finalists are expected to be present during the entire length of the competition.
- All competition finalists will be grouped by Division to allow judges to efficiently assess the merit of each presentation.
- Format of poster presentation will include an oral presentation lasting approximately 8 minutes, followed immediately by questions from judges. Division-specific modifications to this format may be communicated to finalists prior to the event.

- *Some divisions may request an extended abstracts or PDF copy of posters prior to the event.*
- Finalists will learn which place they have been awarded during the IFT Division Award Ceremony, immediately following the competition. Details for the ceremony will be communicated to finalists in the spring.
- Additional recognition will be given to division competition winners when the finalists present their poster for a second time to all attendees (during their regularly scheduled presentation). The winners will be recognized with a ribbon stating where they have placed (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>). ***All finalists must still present their poster during their regularly scheduled poster presentation time in addition to during the competition.***

### **Division Oral Competitions Timeframe and Approach**

All oral competitions will be scheduled and judged at the same time.

- The division oral competitions will have up to six finalists presenting for 15 minutes (12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes Q&A).

### **Award Prizes**

*Each division competition will recognize up to six finalists and give one first place award of \$1000, one second place award of \$750 and one third place award of \$500.*

*All six finalists will receive a certificate of achievement and be recognized during the IFT Division Award Ceremony.*

# International Division Malcolm Bourne Research Paper Competition

Together with the publishing company Elsevier, the International Division has inaugurated a new award to honor the legacy of Prof. Malcolm Bourne in the Division and in the food science area more generally. As one of the founding members of the International Division, Malcolm Bourne paved the way not only for the Division's creation, but its sustained success throughout the years. Malcolm was also a key player in the establishment of food structure, texture and rheology as significant sub-disciplines within food science, and a prolific contributor to these areas, among others.

## **Eligibility:**

This competition is open to all IFT members: students and professionals who are non-U.S. and U.S. citizens conducting research in food science. The focus of the Technical Research Paper Abstract is required to be on any aspect of food texture and/or rheology, one of Malcolm's key research areas.

## **Award Prizes**

*The Malcolm Bourne competition will recognize up to six finalists and give one first place award of \$1000, one second place award of \$750 and one third place award of \$500.*

*All finalists will receive a certificate of achievement.*

*Winners will be announced during the IFT Division Award Ceremony after onsite judging during IFT18.*

## Division Competition Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions during the abstract submission process, with references to additional information in this set of guidelines.

**1. When is the deadline to submit abstracts?**

Abstracts are due by December 18, 2017, 4:00 p.m. Central Time. ***Late submissions will not be accepted.***

**2. Can I make changes after the abstract submission deadline?**

No. After the deadline, submitters will not be allowed to make changes.

**3. When will I hear if my abstract was accepted for presentation?**

Submitters will be notified by February 23, 2018, whether their abstract was accepted for presentation at IFT18. ***Competition finalists will be notified by March 19, 2018.***

**4. Does submitting an abstract guarantee acceptance?**

Unfortunately, it does not. Abstracts are peer-reviewed by Division reviewers based on the quality factors outlined in these guidelines. Any abstracts submitted not meeting the quality factors will not be selected.

In some cases, abstracts that satisfactorily meet these requirements will also not be selected due to limited program space and the higher quality of competing abstract submissions.

**5. What is the competition review process for abstracts?**

Divisions will review all abstracts submitted to their Division only, with exception of the International Division. These competitors will be pulled from all Divisions to determine finalists. Each Division competition may select up to 6 finalists to compete onsite.

**6. Do I have to submit my abstract to the Journal of Food Science for publication?**

Yes. Submission of an abstract to IFT18 indicates that the authors agree to give IFT the first opportunity to publish the work (right of refusal). Authors are encouraged to submit their papers for consideration in any of IFT's publications – the Journal of Food Science (JFS), Comprehensive



Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety (CRFSFS), the Journal of Food Science Education (JFSE), and Food Technology. As soon as possible after IFT18, authors should visit <http://ift.ManuscriptCentral.com> to submit their manuscripts to JFS, CRFSFS, and JFSE. To submit to Food Technology, contact Bob Swientek at [bswientek@ift.org](mailto:bswientek@ift.org). Call the IFT Publications Office at 312.782.8424 for further information. Those who do not wish to publish their papers in IFT publications but rather other journals should also contact Bob Swientek to request permission.

**7. How do I submit an abstract?**

Review the [Call for Abstract Submission Guidelines](http://www.iftevent.org/Sessions/Call-for-Proposals) (<http://www.iftevent.org/Sessions/Call-for-Proposals>) for more information, and select the Technical Research Paper abstract submission type and at the bottom of the form is the section for participating in the Division Competitions.

**8. What if I am having technical difficulties submitting my abstract?**

Contact Planstone directly by email at [support@planstone.com](mailto:support@planstone.com). Also on the submission site, there is a “Feedback and Support” button on the right side of the screen. Click on this button to create a help desk ticket, you will receive a reply within 24 hours.

**9. Does my IFT member login and password work on the online abstract management website?**

Yes, to submit an abstract you will need to have an IFT.org login and password. If you are a non-member submitting an abstract, you will be able to register for a log-in with IFT when you first access the “Call for Abstracts” submission site.

## Contact Information

### **Trouble Submitting Abstract Online?**

Contact Planstone directly by email at [support@planstone.com](mailto:support@planstone.com).

On the submission site, there is a “Feedback and Support” button on the right side of the screen. Click on this button to create a help desk ticket, you will receive a reply within 24 hours.

### **Have a division specific question?**

Go to: <http://www.ift.org/community/divisions.aspx> for a listing of all IFT Division Leaders and their corresponding contact information.

### **Call for Abstracts or Division Competition policy question?**

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