Undergraduate Poster Competition

The IETS Foundation has established an undergraduate poster competition to encourage undergraduates to attend and participate in the IETS Annual Conference. To enter the undergraduate competition, you must answer yes to the undergraduate competition question and choose Undergraduate Competition as your first preference when submitting your abstract. The experimental data presented in the abstract must be original and must have been gathered during the student’s program. The individual entering the competition must have been an undergraduate student at some point during the calendar year immediately prior to the annual meeting for that competition. An individual student will be allowed to enter only one abstract per year and that student must be the first author of that abstract. If an abstract is selected as a finalist, the student entering the competition with that abstract (the first author) shall present the poster at the annual meeting.

The format must conform to the IETS guidelines for Preparation of Abstracts for Poster Presentation. Data presented in this abstract may not have been accepted for publication elsewhere or have been presented at any national or international meeting prior to the IETS Annual Conference. If a student has submitted a manuscript containing the same data that are the basis for the abstract submitted to the IETS and receives notification that the manuscript will be published before the time of the competition, the abstract submitted to the IETS must be withdrawn immediately and the student will not be eligible to compete at the IETS Annual Conference. Entries are judged on the quality of the abstract, and no more than three will be chosen for further competition. These three finalists will receive complimentary registration to the annual meeting where they will present their work in poster format. Travel grants of $1,000 each will be awarded to the three finalists for their travel to/from the IETS Annual Conference.

At the IETS Annual Conference, the student finalists will be judged on the quality of their poster presentation. Judges will be representative IETS members appointed to the Education Committee of the IETS Foundation who have no conflicts of interest with respect to students in the competition. A first-place winner and two runners-up will be awarded a cash prize (US$400 and US$200, respectively) and inscribed plaques. Undergraduate Poster Competition abstracts that are rejected by the Program Chair must be withdrawn from the competition. However, apart from acceptability of the abstract, the Education Committee of the IETS Foundation makes all decisions regarding the Undergraduate Poster Competition. Students whose abstracts are not among the three selected for poster presentation are encouraged to attend the conference and present their data in the poster session. If your abstract is accepted but is not one of the three finalists, as an undergraduate student, you will receive a complimentary registration to the annual meeting. However, you will not receive any travel grant. If students do not plan to attend the conference, they must withdraw their abstracts from the proceedings before September 7, 2017.

Previous first-place award winners are not eligible to compete. To apply for this competition, simply check the appropriate box on the IETS Electronic Abstract Submission Form and list the Undergraduate Poster Competition as the first choice for abstract preference.