2018 Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts for Consideration in Competitions Sponsored by the International Embryo Technology Society Foundation

To enter the Foundation Competition, in addition to submitting your abstract to the Student Competition on the IETS Abstract Submission Page, you **MUST** fill out the appropriate application form that is located on the IETS website and submit the form by the **deadline**. Please note the requirements for each competition and only enter the appropriate competition. You must choose Student Competition for your 1st preference when you submit your abstract for the Student Competition.

**Student Research Competition & Travel Grants**

Candidates for master’s, doctoral, or professional (MD, DVM, VMD) degrees may request that their abstract be entered in the Student Research Competition. The experimental data presented in the abstract must be original and must have been gathered during the student’s degree program. The individual entering the competition must have been a 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 abstract 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, nor 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that the manuscript will be published prior to the time of the competition, the abstract submitted to the IETS must be withdrawn immediately and the student will not be eligible to compete at the IETS Annual Conference.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 six will be chosen for further competition. These six finalists will receive complimentary registration to the annual meeting where they will present their work in poster and oral format. Travel grants of $1000 each will be awarded to the six 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 and on their oral presentation (10 minutes + 5 minutes for questions). 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$600 and US$400, respectively), and inscribed plaques. Student Research Competition abstracts that are rejected by the Program Chairman 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 Student Research Competition. Students whose abstracts are not among the six selected for oral presentation are encouraged to attend the conference and present their data in the poster session or to send their posters with a representative who will make the presentation. If students do not intend to do so, 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 complete the additional requirements needed.
Judging Criteria for the Student Research Competition

**Abstract** (40 Points Possible)
- Originality (13)
  - Creativity of idea (6)
  - Scope of idea (7)
- Introduction (5)
  - Statement of problem (3)
  - Purpose of research (2)
- Methods (12)
  - Experimental design (4)
  - Description of procedures (4)
  - Data analysis (4)
- Results and discussion (10)
  - Presentation of results (5)
  - Conclusion supported by data (5)

**Oral presentation** (35 Points Possible)
- Delivery (5)
- Presentation format (10)
  - Introduction (2)
  - Materials and methods (3)
  - Results and discussion (3)
  - Summary (2)
- Visual Aids (7)
  - Legibility (3)
  - Content (4)
- Knowledge of subject matter (8)
  - Literature (1)
  - Experimental methods (3)
  - Interpretation of data (4)
- Response to questions (5)

**Poster** (25 Points Possible)
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- Legibility and layout (5)
- Introduction (3)
  - Purpose of research
- Materials and methods (6)
  - Experimental design (2)
  - Description of treatments (2)
  - Statistical methods (2)
- Results and discussion (8)
  - Presentation of results (2)
  - Explanation of tables/figures (2)
  - Conclusions supported by data (4)
- Summary/Questioning (3)