



Call for Applications of 2024 OCEA Graduate Student Awards

Purpose: The Overseas Chinese Entomologists Association (OCEA) presents three awards in each of two categories—Poster and Oral Presentation (10-minute)—to member graduate students for their papers presented at the ESA annual meeting. The primary goals of the awards are to recognize students for their outstanding graduate dissertation or thesis research and to encourage their participation in the OCEA annual meeting.

Nature: Each winner in their respective category (poster or oral) will receive a certificate and a cash prize (\$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place). The winners will be recognized during the OCEA meeting at the 2024 ESA meeting (Phoenix Convention Center, Room 121C, 6:30-9:30 pm, November 12, 2024).

Eligibility: Applicants must 1) be graduate students of Chinese origin currently enrolled in a university (either inside or outside of China), and 2) submit either a poster or an oral presentation to the 2024 ESA meeting.

Applications: The abstract is due by Friday, October 18, 2024, and the full poster or oral presentation file is due by Friday, November 1, 2024. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please send your application package to Ting Li at tli@alasu.edu with the subject line: *OCEA Graduate Student Awards*.

Items 1-7 should be combined into a single PDF or Word file. The application package must include the following:

- 1) Title of your presentation
- 2) Abstract (limit 250 words)
- 3) Your affiliation (Department and University)
- 4) Degree that you are pursuing
- 5) Mailing address
- 6) E-mail address
- 7) Your phone number (optional)
- 8) For Poster Competition, please send a PDF file of your poster. For Oral Presentation, please record your presentation and send the recorded file (or a link to the file). Recording should not exceed 10 minutes. Accepted formats include .mp4, .mov, and .wmv.

The ESA judging rubric is listed below.

Oral presentation competition

Scientific Content (55%)

- Introduction and background (10 points)
- Objectives or hypotheses clearly stated and concise (10 points)
- Title appropriate for presentation content; judges to score title given at the start of the presentation, not what is listed in the program (5 points)
- Materials and methods (study design) clear, concise, and accurate (10 points)
- Interpretation of results and analysis clear, concise, and accurate (10 points)
- Significance of results to the field of study clearly discussed (10 points)

Presentation (45%)

- Logical order; minimum redundancy (5 points)
- Smooth transitions between presentation slides and sections, including the speaker introducing themselves to the audience (5 points)
- Slides use universal design principles with appropriate fonts, font sizes, high contrast images (for example, avoiding color schemes that are hard to distinguish for colorblind participants like red/green) (5 points)
- Slides have no grammatical errors and are not excessively wordy; both American and Canadian English spelling and grammar are acceptable (i.e., behavior/behaviour) (5 points)
- Effective use and description of visuals (i.e., photos, diagrams, figures, and tables); do they support the presentation narrative? (15 points)
- Appropriate volume (uses microphone if available) and speed of speech; clear communication; scores should not be dependent on the quality of audio equipment (5 points)
- Effective use of time; 10 minutes with appropriate balance across presentation sections (5 points)

Each paper is judged independently by three judges. In the event of a tie, the Awards Committee will use the abstract to determine the winner.

Poster competition

Scientific Content (50%)

- Title concise, informative, and relevant to poster content; judges to score title given on the poster, not what is listed in the program (5 points)
- Introduction, justification, and background with pertinent literature cited (5 points)
- Objectives or hypotheses clearly stated and concise (10 points)
- Materials and methods (study design) clear, concise, and appropriate to the program (10 points)
- Interpretation of results and analysis clear, concise, and accurate; if poster is billboard style, the central billboard message ("hook") is supported by data provided (10 points)
- Significance of results to field of study clearly discussed (10 points)

Poster Display (50%)

- Logical order, minimum redundancy (5 points)
- Effective use of space; smooth transition between sections (5 points)
- Legible w/ appropriate-size fonts, color contrast, no conflicting backgrounds (high contrast images (for example, avoiding color schemes that are hard to distinguish for colorblind participants like red/green); if poster is billboard style, QR code functions properly and directs viewer to concise, relevant content (15 points)
- Text with no grammatical errors and not excessively wordy; both American and Canadian English spelling & grammar are acceptable (i.e., behavior/behaviour) (10 points)
- Effective use and description of visuals (i.e., photos, diagrams, figures, and tables), coordinated with and cited in text (15 points)

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