

APS-PACIFIC DIVISION

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD-DESCRIPTION

The Pacific Division, APS, will recognize outstanding research and oral presentations by graduate students by presenting a plaque and monetary gift. The plaque will indicate the name of the winner and year, the inscription, "Pacific Division of the American Phytopathological Society Student Paper Competition" and the place. The monetary gift will be \$200.00 for the first place, \$150.00 for the second place, and \$100.00 for third place.

Students competing for the award must (1) be enrolled as a regular student in an accredited graduate school in the Pacific Division at the time the paper is submitted; (2) be a member in good standing of the Pacific Division **at the time the paper is submitted**; (3) be sole or senior author of the paper; and (4) present the paper orally at a meeting of the Pacific Division. Students may enter only one paper; the paper must deal with research in plant pathology that was conducted in the Pacific Division. Previous APS-Pacific Division Student Paper award winners are eligible to compete provided the results presented do not duplicate a previous entry. The Secretary-Treasurer will send out details of procedures to be followed in submitting a paper for consideration for the award and the criteria used to evaluate the research, abstract and oral presentation along with the annual call for abstracts of papers to be presented at the Division meeting.

The chairperson of the judging committee for the award will be appointed by the President. The chairperson in turn will select four active division members to serve on the committee. No individual will judge a paper presented by one of their own students. Selection of the winner will be based on (1) quality of research; (2) originality of the research; and (3) presentation of results. The committee may present more than one award or decline to give an award if, in its judgment, none of the papers presented are worthy. The program will be arranged so that all papers competing for the award will be presented first in the program. The awards will be presented by the chairperson of the judging committee or a representative of the President during the annual Division business meeting.

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