



Award Competitions and Abstract Recognition Awards for Students, Medical Trainees, Postdoctoral Fellows, and Young Investigators

The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) awards more than \$90,000 in awards and travel grants to students and young professionals annually.

Below are descriptions, eligibility details, and processes for award competitions and abstract recognition programs which will be held as part of NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be ASN members.
- Applicants must be a presenting author of a submitted abstract.
- All undergraduate students, graduate students, medical students, medical trainees, and postdoctoral fellows will be considered for the Emerging Leaders in Nutrition Science Abstract Recognition Awards.
- Descriptions and additional requirements are listed below.

Applications for award competitions and abstract recognition awards are accepted during the NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE abstract submission process.

Application Deadline: **February 8, 2021, 11:59 PM EST**
Website: [NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE Abstract Submission website](#)

Eligibility Based on Academic Level:

	Undergraduate Student	Graduate Student <i>May apply to one only amongst CELA, GSRA and YMIOC</i>	Medical Student <i>May apply to one only amongst CELA, GSRA and YMIOC</i>	Medical Trainee (interns/residents/fellows) <i>May apply to one only</i>	Postdoctoral Fellow <i>May apply to any or all</i>	Young Investigator (within 5 years of receiving a doctoral or terminal degree) <i>May apply to any or all</i>
Clinical Emerging Leaders Award Competition (CELA)		✓	✓	✓		
George Bray Obesity Research Student Awards	✓	✓	✓			
Global Nutrition Early Career Scholar Award					✓	✓
Graduate Student Research Award Competition (GSRA)		✓	✓			
Nutrition Translation Award Competition				✓	✓	✓
Postdoctoral Research Award Competition				✓	✓	✓
Robert Suskind and Leslie Lewinter-Suskind Pediatric Nutrition Student Awards	✓	✓	✓			
Student Interest Group (SIG) Student Awards	✓	✓	✓			
Young Minority Investigator Oral Competition (YMIOC)		✓	✓	✓		

Clinical Emerging Leaders Award Competition

Organized by the Medical Nutrition Council

Purpose: Promotes interest in clinical and human nutrition among those in postgraduate programs.

Additional Requirements:

- Registered graduate student, medical student or medical trainee who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
- Five individuals will be chosen to participate in a special session at NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE.
- Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
- Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest monetary award and certificate. One overall winner will be determined.

Emerging Leaders in Nutrition Science Abstract Recognition Awards

Organized by ASN's Research Interest Sections, the Global Nutrition Council and the Medical Nutrition Council

Purpose: Recognizes the highest quality research presented by students and young investigators to ASN's topical areas.

Additional Requirements:

- Open to undergraduate, graduate and medical students; medical trainees; and postdoctoral fellows.

Process:

- Each of ASN's Research Interest Sections as well as the Global Nutrition Council and the Medical Nutrition Council identify the highest scoring abstracts submitted by students, medical trainees and postdoctoral fellows.
- Finalists are identified in the abstract topical areas and will be highlighted and honored in NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE materials.
- Finalists will receive a certificate.

George Bray Obesity Research Student Award

Endowed by Dr. George A. Bray and Marilyn M. Bray

Purpose: Recognizes the two students with the highest-scoring abstracts in a topical area related to the causes, treatment or prevention of obesity.

Additional Requirements:

- Open to undergraduate, graduate and medical students.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
 - A review committee will review and rate abstracts, and identify two winners deemed to be outstanding.
 - Two winners will each receive a \$500 award and certificate.
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Global Nutrition Early Career Scholar Award

Organized by the Global Nutrition Council

Purpose: Provide a registration waiver to an early career researcher from a low or middle income country.

Additional Requirements:

- Member of ASN's Global Nutrition Council
- Junior faculty member within 5 years of receiving a masters or doctoral degree and based at a university or research institution in a low or middle income country.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
- Finalists will be identified based on abstract ratings.
- Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
- Pending funding, registration waivers will be provided to selected finalists.

Graduate Student Research Award Competition

Purpose: Tasks graduate students to hone their research presentation skills.

Additional Requirements:

- Registered graduate student or medical student who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
 - During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided that addresses the applicant's role in the research contained in the abstract; how the research has potential implications for policy, public health or future research directions; and a brief summary of the application's applicant's career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
 - A review committee will review and rate abstracts based on the following criteria: study objectives/aim/hypothesis; experimental design/methods; selection of critical data and elimination of nonessential data; organization/clarity of figures and tables; explanation of results; and interpretation of data and quality of conclusions drawn.
 - Nine finalists will be chosen to participate in a special oral session at NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE.
 - Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
 - Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest monetary award and certificate. Up to three overall winners will be identified.
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Nutrition Translation Award Competition for Early Career Investigators

Organized by the Nutrition Translation RIS in partnership with the Public Information Committee

Purpose: Provides an opportunity for early-career scientists and clinicians to demonstrate how their research can be translated to a defined audience to improve public health and/or health outcomes.

Additional Requirements:

- Applicants must be postdoctoral fellows; medical interns, residents or fellows or other young professionals pursuing a career in nutrition science or practice (e.g., junior faculty, staff, assistant scientists).
- Fellows and other young professionals must have obtained their doctoral degree within the past 5 years.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
 - During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided statement (no more than 300 words) that presents a clear connection between the preclinical or clinical research and clinical practice, consumer or community applications; describes practical applications for policy, health and/or wellness and long-term potential impact; and explains how findings could be communicated to an audience beyond nutrition scientists.
 - Four finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session at NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE.
 - Finalists will provide a fifteen-minute presentation, consisting of a 12-minute talk followed by 3 minutes of questions and answers. Judges will rate each scientist's ability to communicate the following:
 - A brief review (limited to 3 minutes) of the foundational research that was the subject of the abstract submitted.
 - Example(s) of how the research findings could be translated to a particular audience. Communication tools or representations of such tools such as handouts, brochures, podcasts, or videos should be highlighted.
 - Translation messages that are suitable for the target audience, creatively applied, aligned with the study results, and provide practical, evidence-based recommendations.
 - Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest monetary award and certificate. One overall winner will be determined.
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Postdoctoral Research Award Competition

Organized by the Early Career Nutrition Interest Group and endowed by DuPont Nutrition & Biosciences

Purpose: Challenges early-career scientists and clinicians in nutrition by providing a juried abstract review and special oral session in which they compete in presenting their research findings.

Additional Requirements:

- Applicants must be postdoctoral fellows; medical interns, residents or fellows and other young professionals holding a doctoral degree pursuing a career in nutrition science or practices (e.g., junior faculty, staff, assistant scientists).
- Fellows and other young professionals must have obtained their doctoral degree within the past 5 years.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
- During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided that addresses the applicant's role in the research contained in the abstract; how the research has potential implications for policy, public health or future research directions; and a brief summary of the applicant's career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
- Six finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session at NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE.
- Finalists will each receive a \$200 award and certificate. One overall winner will receive an additional \$200 award.

Robert Suskind and Leslie Lewinter-Suskind Pediatric Nutrition Student Awards

Endowed by Robert Suskind and Leslie Lewinter-Suskind

Purpose: Recognizes students for outstanding research related to pediatric nutrition.

Additional Requirements:

- Applicants must be a student member of ASN and the presenting author of the submitted abstract.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
 - A review committee will review and rate abstracts, and identify two winners deemed to be outstanding.
 - Two winners will each receive a \$500 monetary award and certificate.
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Student Interest Group (SIG) Student Awards

Organized by the Student Interest Group (SIG)

Purpose: Recognizes students for outstanding abstracts and presentation skills.

Additional Requirements:

- Applicants must be a student member of ASN and presenting author of the submitted abstract.
- One entry per person.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
- Individuals who have submitted an abstract to be presented at an oral session at NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE are also eligible to compete for this award but must put together a 3-minute oral presentation.
- During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided that addresses the applicant's role in the research contained in the abstract; how the research has potential implications for policy, public health or future research directions; and a brief summary of the applicant's career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
- Six finalists will be chosen based on abstract quality. Top abstracts will be of high scientific merit and clearly articulate the research objective(s), experimental design and methodology, results, and conclusions (i.e. significance and/or implication of research findings).
- Six finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session at NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE.
- Oral presentations will be judged on organization and clarity, ability of finalists to communicate the research to the judges in an accurate but succinct manner, and ability of finalists to field questions from the judges.
- Three \$150 monetary awards will be given to the top three finalists, selected by the judges based on the oral presentation.

Young Minority Investigator Oral Competition

Organized by the Minority and Diversity Affairs Committee (MDAC)

Purpose: This competition provides an opportunity for young investigators from underrepresented communities within the biomedical and life sciences to participate in the annual meeting by discussing their research findings. Finalists will strengthen presentation and professional skills associated with a career in the sciences.

Additional Requirements:

- Registered graduate student, medical student or medical trainee who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.
- From a group that is underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences: African Americans, Alaskan Natives, Hispanic Americans, American Indians/Native Americans who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment, and Natives of the USA Pacific Islands (Guam, Hawai'i and American Samoa only.)

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
 - During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided that addresses the applicant's role in the research contained in the abstract and how the research connects to applicant's career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
 - Six finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session at NUTRITION 2021 LIVE ONLINE.
 - First, second and third prize winners will be identified from finalists following the oral session. Prize winners will receive a modest monetary award, pending external funding.
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