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

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Below are descriptions, eligibility details, and processes for award competitions and abstract recognition programs which will be held as part of NUTRITION 2022 LIVE ONLINE.

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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 2022 LIVE ONLINE abstract submission process.

Application Deadline: February 14, 2022, 11:59 PM EST
Website: NUTRITION 2022 LIVE ONLINE Abstract Submission website
## Eligibility Based on Academic Level

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Applicants must have a doctoral degree to participate.
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:**
- Open to graduate students, medical students, and medical trainees who have 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 2022 LIVE ONLINE.
- Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
- Finalists will provide a 13-minute presentation, consisting of a 10-minute talk followed by 3 minutes of questions and answers.
- Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest monetary award and certificate. One overall winner will be determined.
DJPJ Trainee Achievement Awards

In honor of Dr. Douglas J. Paddon-Jones’ commitment to young investigator research in the areas of dietary protein, muscle metabolism, & healthy aging.

Purpose:
Recognize 1 graduate student and 1 postdoctoral fellow for outstanding research related to dietary protein, muscle metabolism, and/or healthy aging.

Additional Requirements:
- Open to graduate students, medical students, and postdoctoral fellows.
- May only receive the award once as a graduate student and once as a postdoctoral fellow

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 (one graduate or medical student and one postdoctoral fellow) deemed to be outstanding.
- Two winners will each receive a $500 award and certificate.
Early Career Research Award Competition

This award competition is pending funding. Should funding be confirmed, this award competition will be held.

Purpose:
Challenges early career faculty, 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:
- Open to early career investigators within 10 years of a doctoral degree working a career in nutrition science or practices (e.g., junior faculty, staff, assistant scientists).
- Postdoctoral fellows, medical interns, residents or fellows, or trainees are not eligible to participate.

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 2022 LIVE ONLINE.
- All oral presentations will be evaluated using standard criteria and indicators of success. Presenters’ work is evaluated at these five levels:
  - Hypothesis / Problem Statement
  - Design, Methods & Controls
  - Results
  - Conclusion, Predicting Impacts, Future Work
  - Presentation & Professional Competence
- Judges for the oral competition include ASN members in various career stages as well as a peer young professional evaluator.
- 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 early career investigators (within 5 years of terminal degree) to ASN’s topical areas.

Additional Requirements:
• Open to undergraduate students, graduate students, 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 2022 LIVE ONLINE materials.
• Finalists will receive a certificate.
George Bray Obesity Research Student Awards
Endowed by Dr. George A. Bray and Marilyn M. Bray

Purpose:
Recognizes the two students for outstanding research 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.
Global Nutrition Early Career Scholar Award
Organized by the Global Nutrition Council and supported by Mondelēz International

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 external funding, registration waivers will be provided to selected finalists.
Graduate Student Research Award Competition

Supported by The Sugar Association

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

Additional Requirements:
- Open to graduate students and medical students who have 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 2022 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.
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:
- Open to postdoctoral fellows, medical trainees, and other early career I investigators 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 (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 2022 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.
Postdoctoral Research Award Competition
Organized by the Early Career Nutrition Interest Group and endowed by IFF

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:
• Open to postdoctoral fellows, medical trainees and other early career I investigators holding a doctoral degree pursuing a career in nutrition science or practices (e.g., junior faculty, staff, assistant scientists).
• Fellows and other early career 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 2022 LIVE ONLINE.
• All oral presentations will be evaluated using standard criteria and indicators of success. Presenters’ work is evaluated at these five levels:
  o Hypothesis / Problem Statement
  o Design, Methods & Controls
  o Results
  o Conclusion, Predicting Impacts, Future Work
  o Presentation & Professional Competence
• Judges for the oral competition include ASN members in various career stages as well as a peer young professional evaluator.
• 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:**
- 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 monetary award and certificate.
Student Interest Group (SIG) Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

Organized by the Student Interest Group (SIG)

Purpose:
Recognizes students for outstanding abstracts and presentation skills.

Additional Requirements:

- Open to undergraduate, graduate, and medical students.
- 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 2022 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 2022 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.
- Pending external funding, three top finalists will each receive a modest monetary award and certificate.
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:
- Open to graduate students, medical students, and or medical trainees who have 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 2022 LIVE ONLINE.
- Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest monetary award and certificate. First through third place winners will be determined.