



Southeastern Society of Parasitologists

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Greetings SSP students:

Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS will be an exciting venue for the 2018 annual SSP meeting <http://www.thessp.org/event/southeastern-society-parasitologists-2018-annual-meeting>. As many of you are already aware, SSP offers a genuinely supportive, student-friendly environment for presenting and discussing your research. This is a great opportunity to practice scientific public speaking, whether it is your first time presenting at a scientific meeting or your last year as a student member.

We encourage all student presenters to submit their abstracts for either the Byrd-Dunn Graduate Student Award or the Ciordia-Stewart-Porter Undergraduate Student Research Award. This year the Byrd Dunn awardee will receive \$500, and the Ciordia-Stewart-Porter awardee will receive \$250. Awardees are encouraged, but are not required, to use the funds to defray the cost of attending the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists or another Parasitology meeting to facilitate your parasitology career. Your presentation will be judged by a committee of SSP members, and you will receive their evaluations. This constructive criticism will help you in future talks. I suggest that you take a look at the attached evaluation form, to give you an idea of what the judges expect.

The requirements for either award are:

1. Abstract must be submitted by 5:00 PM EST **15 March 2018**.
2. Deadline for entering paper competition is 5:00 PM EST **15 March 2018** (Check the box on abstract form to enter the paper competition).
3. Co-authors are allowed but the paper presented must be the student's own work and presented by the student.
4. You must be an SSP member at the time of your presentation. If you are not currently a member, join now or upon registering. <http://www.thessp.org/content/membership>. Student membership for the year is only \$5.00.
5. Each award will be given only once to a particular individual.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting in Starkville!

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SSP Vice President and Chairperson of the Student Awards Committee

Award:	BYRD-DUNN (MSc/PhD)	CIORDIA-STEWART-PORTER (BSc)			
Abstract Number:					
Student Name:					
Presentation Title (short):					
	<i>5=Excellent; 4= Very Good; 3= Good; 2= Fair; 1= Poor</i>				
ABSTRACT (20 points)					
Author guidelines followed	5	4	3	2	1
Grammar correct (no typos)	5	4	3	2	1
Hypothesis/question clearly stated	5	4	3	2	1
Approach/methods clearly stated	5	4	3	2	1
PRESENTATION (80 points)					
Speaker					
Clarity of speech/annunciation	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation style	5	4	3	2	1
Speech and visuals integrated	5	4	3	2	1
Did the presentation end at or before 12 minutes?	Y-5	N-0			
Presentation					
Literature review / logical evolution from literature	5	4	3	2	1
Problem / Background statement clear	5	4	3	2	1
Approach / Methods clearly defined	5	4	3	2	1
Experimental design / Approach robust, logical	5	4	3	2	1
Controls employed effectively / Comparisons clear	5	4	3	2	1
New data differentiated from existing/published data/knowledge	5	4	3	2	1
Significance of new data well articulated, context clear	5	4	3	2	1
Intellectual merit, relevance, and impact <i>within</i> Parasitology	5	4	3	2	1
Intellectual merit, relevance, and impact <i>beyond</i> Parasitology	5	4	3	2	1
Contribution to existing knowledge, approach, and methods	5	4	3	2	1
Data analyzed by appropriate statistics/methods	5	4	3	2	1
Conclusions supported by data	5	4	3	2	1
Clarity of what is "known" and remains unexplored / speculative	5	4	3	2	1
QUESTION / ANSWER SESSION (20 points)					
The student heard and listened to the question being asked.	5	4	3	2	1
The student answered the question succinctly.	5	4	3	2	1
The student highlighted the question's broader significance.	5	4	3	2	1
Did the student confirm that the question was answered?	Y-5	N-0			
POINT TOTALS (of 120 total points)					
OVERALL SCORE					