

## **NORTHEASTERN DIVISION APS GRADUATE STUDENT ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD**

The annual NED-APS meeting is an excellent opportunity for graduate students to obtain valuable experience in oral presentation of their research. The award consists of an inscribed certificate, a one-year student membership in APS and the Northeastern Division, and up to \$2,000 towards attendance at the APS Annual Meeting, where they have the honor of representing the Division by giving their winning presentation, along with winners from the other APS Divisions, in the “Plant Pathologists of the Future Showcase” session.

### **Eligibility Rules: Students competing in the Graduate Student Oral Presentation Competition must:**

- 1) either be an enrolled student, or have been an enrolled student within six months of the abstract submission deadline, in a graduate program in the Northeastern Division;
- 2) be a member in good standing of the Northeastern Division at the time of the presentation;
- 3) be the senior (first, or sole), and presenting, author of the research;
- 4) be presenting research in plant pathology conducted while in pursuit of a graduate degree at a college or university within the Northeastern Division; and
- 5) must not have received this award previously.

An abstract of the presentation must be submitted through APS via the on-line submission procedure before the deadline established for receipt of abstracts.

Besure to check the box indicating that the presentation is for the Student Competition.

The recipient of the award will be selected by a panel of judges consisting of non-student Divison members. All judges will use the following criteria in evaluating presentations:

**Presentation (40 points):** clarity and grammar; professional appearance and mannerisms; effective use of time; question responses; ability to effectively communicate with an academic audience (40 points).

**Organization and Content (50 points):** abstract; introduction and justification; materials and methods; results and discussion; significance and application (50 points).

**Visual Aids/Slides (10 points):** easy to read and understand; effectively used.

## Graduate Student Oral Presentation Competition Judging Criteria

<b>PRESENTATION (40 points)</b>		start time	
1	Clarity and grammar (1-10 points)		
2	Professional appearance and mannerisms (1-5 points)		
3	Effective use of time for presentation delivery (1-5 points)		
4	Question responses (1-10 points) <i>Effectiveness in understanding and answering questions</i>		
5	Ability to effectively communicate with an academic audience (1-10 points)		
<b>ORGANIZATION &amp; CONTENT (50 points)</b>			
6	Abstract (10 points) <i>Is the abstract well-written, and does it accurately reflect the content and conclusions of the presentation?</i>		
7	Introduction and Justification (1-10 points) <i>Relevancy and clarity of hypothesis and objective</i>		
8	Materials & Methods (1-10 points) <i>Clarity in explanation of methodology</i>		
9	Results and Discussion (1-10 points) <i>Stated results and subsequent conclusion</i>		
10	Significance and Application (1-10 points) <i>Reflection on impact of research/work and statement of applicability</i>		
<b>VISUAL AIDS / SLIDES (10 points)</b>			
11	(1-10 points) <i>Were the slides easy to read/understand, and were they effectively used?</i>		
		finish time	
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>			