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The 2015 annual meeting of the APS Pacific Division (APS-PD) will be held in conjunction with APS in Pasadena, CA, August 1-5.

This *Meeting Digest* provides a list of Action Items for the 2015 meeting, and guidance with regard to Abstract Submission, Graduate Student Competition, and Student Travel Award, Nominations for Awards, and Nominations for APS-PD Executive Committee. **EARLY action by graduate students is encouraged.**

PRESIDENT, **Juliet Marshall**; PRESIDENT-ELECT, **David Gent**; PAST PRESIDENT, **Judy K. Brown**;
SECRETARY-TREASURER, **Soum Sanogo**; Divisional Forum Representative, **Jay W. Pscheidt**



Action Items for All APS-PD Members

Action Items	Deadline	Remarks
Submit Abstracts	March 16	Submission period is from February 2 to March 16
Register	June 4	Abstracts will be withdrawn if not registered by this date
Nominate for APS-PD Awards	April 30	Send nominations to Juliet Marshall at jmarshall@uidaho.edu
Nominate for APS-PD Executive Committee	May 31	Send nominations to Juliet Marshall at jmarshall@uidaho.edu





Action Items for All APS-PD Graduate Students

Action Items	Deadline	Remarks
Submit Abstracts	ASAP	Recommendation for ASAP is to submit <u>by or before February 15</u>
Participate in Graduate Student Oral Competition	March 31	Must mark Box at time of <u>abstract submission</u> Send application to Juliet Marshall at jmarshall@uidaho.edu
Apply for Student Travel Award	May 31	Student who receive Travel Award <u>must compete</u> in the Graduate Student Oral Presentation Competition Send application to Juliet Marshall at jmarshall@uidaho.edu
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(S.Sanogo)

Abstracts: Acceptance Criteria and Submission Instructions

All APS-PD members must submit abstracts through APS. Abstract submission period is **February 2 to March 16, 2015**. Abstracts should be reviewed by all authors and peer reviewed by two additional people for scientific merit as well as grammatical, typographical, or factual errors. For more information go to the following link at the APS website:

<http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/annual/abstracts/Pages/default.aspx>

All students desiring to participate in the APS-PD Graduate Student Competition and seeking a Student Travel Award must submit abstracts EARLY! See further details below.



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Graduate Student Oral Competition: Eligibility, Benefits, and Application

The APS-PD Executive Committee would like to encourage all students considering presenting their research at the meetings in Pasadena to enroll in the student competition. Graduate students presenting oral presentations at the APS Annual Meeting are eligible to participate!

At [abstract submission](#), please mark the box requesting participation in the Pacific Division student competition. The number of oral presentations is limited at the APS Annual Meeting, so submit your abstract **EARLY** to ensure a time slot for your presentation in the program!



PLEASE remember that you **MUST be an APS member AND a Pacific Division member** in order to participate! Make sure the \$5 fee is paid for Pacific Division membership or you will not be eligible. The award, established in 2000, is intended to increase opportunities for graduate students who attend institutions within the Pacific Division to participate in APS Pacific Division meetings, receive recognition for their research, network with other graduate students and scientists, and gain experience in presenting scientific information.



Graduate Student Oral Competition: Eligibility, Benefits, and Application

The monetary gifts are \$500 for first place, \$300 for second, and \$200 for third place. To participate, graduate students must designate such when they fill-out their meeting registration form, and: (i) be enrolled as a regular student in an accredited University in the [Pacific Division](#) at the time the paper is submitted; (ii) be a member in good standing of the Pacific Division at the time the paper is submitted; (iii) be sole or senior author of the paper; (iv) present the paper orally at a meeting of the Pacific Division; and (v) submit a complete application package.

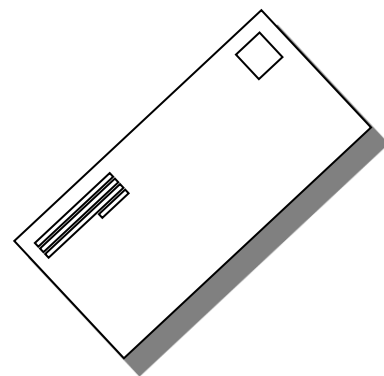


The Graduate Student Competition **application package** **includes** the following:

1. Abstract as submitted for the APS Annual Meeting
2. An expanded abstract limited to 600 words

The awards will be presented by the chairperson of the judging committee or a representative of the President during or after the annual Pacific Division Business meeting.

To be included in the oral presentation competition, submit Word files of the two abstracts to the current APS Pacific Division President (Juliet Marshall at jmarshall@uidaho.edu) **by or before March 31, 2015**



Graduate Student Travel Awards



Applications are invited each year for Pacific Division Student Travel Awards. The awards, established in 2000, are intended to increase opportunities for students attending institutions within the [Pacific Division](#) region to participate in APS Pacific Division meetings. Up to 8 awards of \$500 each will be available to APS/APS Pacific Division student members giving oral presentations at the 2015 Pacific Division meeting held in conjunction with the APS Annual meeting...

Eligibility

1. Student must be enrolled as a regular student in an accredited University in the Pacific Division at the time the paper is submitted
2. Student must be a member in good standing of the Pacific Division at the time the paper is submitted
3. Student must be sole or senior author of the paper
4. Student must present the paper orally at a meeting of the Pacific Division
5. Student must compete in the [Graduate Student Oral Presentation Competition](#) in the year they apply for the travel award.
6. Student must submit a complete application package.

Note: Students who receive an award will not be eligible to apply for an award the following year. Preference will be given to students who have never received a division travel award.

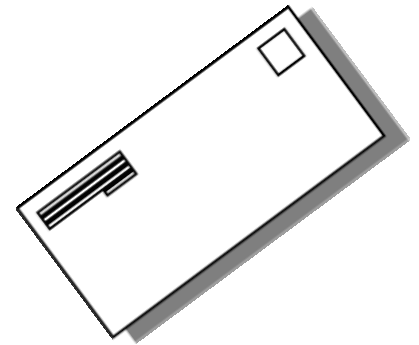


Graduate Student Travel Awards



The application package requires the following:

1. Abstract as submitted for the joint Pacific Division and APS Annual meeting.
2. An expanded abstract limited to 600 words.
3. Short (one-half page only) biographical sketch
4. Supporting letter (one page maximum) from your major professor. This letter should include the following:
 - a) Reason student is attending the meeting.
 - b) Scientific, academic and creative merits of the student.
 - c) Any special circumstances that make attendance at the meeting dependent on receiving Student Travel Award.



Submit Word files via e-mail of the two abstracts, supporting letter and bio sketch to the current APS Pacific Division President (Juliet Marshall at jmarshall@uidaho.edu) **by or before March 31, 2015**.

Abstracts should include a justification, objectives, methods, results, and significance of the research. Abstracts will be evaluated by a committee based on the inclusion of these elements, clarity of the writing, and novelty and importance of the research presented.



Nominations

Nominations for APS Pacific Division Awards

The APS-PD Executive Committee would like to encourage all members to provide nominations for the following awards:

- 1) [Distinguished Service Award](#)
- 2) [Early Career Award](#)
- 3) [Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

Information on each award is found at the following link at the APS-PD website: <http://www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/pac/Pages/Awards.aspx>

Please forward your nominations to the current APS Pacific Division President (Juliet Marshall at jmarshall@uidaho.edu) **by or before April 30, 2015**



Nominations for APS Pacific Division Executive Committee

The APS-PD Executive Committee would like to encourage all members to provide nominations for the following position on the committee:

- 1) [President-Elect](#) to serve as President starting in June 2016
- 2) [Secretary-Treasurer](#) to serve beginning August 2015
- 3) [Divisional Forum Representative](#) to serve beginning August 2015

Information on the duties of each position can be found at the following link at the APS-PD website:

<http://www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/pac/Pages/Officers.aspx>

Please forward your nominations to the current APS Pacific Division President (Juliet Marshall at jmarshall@uidaho.edu) **by or before May 31, 2015**