



Volunteer Section
Institute of Food Technologists



4th Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students

Revised Agenda
due to COVID-19 Pandemic

New Date and Time:

Tuesday Sep. 8, 2020- 2:00 to 7:30 pm (central time)

Tentative Agenda:

2:00 to 3:30 pm: Taco Tuesday networking in Nashville Downtown for students, faculty, and food industry members (optional)

3:30 to 4:00 pm: Networking, tour of TSU high pressure processing facility and Food Safety Modernization Act booth (optional)

4:00 to 4:45 pm: Students arrival, registration, poster/power point presentations set-up, and networking

5:00 to 6:00 pm: Graduate students' oral competitions

6:00 to 7:00 pm: Graduate students' poster competitions

7:00 to 7:30 pm: Judges discussions

7:30 pm: Announcement of awardees

In case physical distancing is still preferred by finalists and is recommended by public health agencies on competition date, the competition will be held electronically via Zoom.

Question:

Competition Organizer, A. Fouladkhah.

Phone: (970) 690-7392 Email: afouladk@tnstate.edu

Previous years' competitions:

<https://publichealthmicrobiology.education/annual-competitions>



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Submission Guideline:

You are cordially invited to submit an abstract for 2020 graduate poster and oral competitions. Students who are planning to present/compete in IFT21 or closely allied organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. Please submit title of your research, 250-word abstract, and name of your advisor by **Friday August 28 2020, 11:59 pm** (central time). Please also let us know if you would like to be considered for competition in poster or oral division, or both.

Please note that no late submission will be accepted and only selected abstracts will be scheduled for competition due to limitation in space and time for presentations. Those who applied for the previous deadline do not need to re-apply and their abstract will be kept file for new deadline.

You will be notified about status of your abstract on **Monday August 31, 2020**. Up to 6 accepted abstracts in oral and poster divisions will be entered for onsite competition evaluated by three judges. A new category exist this year for oral competitions for up to 6 current post-doctoral researchers and recent graduates for career-development (those graduated in Fall 2019 with a graduate degree). Top three individuals* in each category will be awarded \$400, \$300, \$200**.

The competition is free of cost for attendees. Applicants in any institutions in Tennessee are cordially invited to apply. Please note that per policy of the funding agency for this competition meals will not be provided.

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**Awards will be mailed to the awardees approximately up to two months after the event, after completion of W-9 forms and other paperwork. There is a myriad of regulation for issuing the awards using extramural grants and appreciate in advance the awardee's patience. The awards are supported by Public Health Microbiology Laboratory grants (USDA NIFA projects 2017-07534; 2017-04975; 2017-06088). **Awarded values will be divided if two competitors are tied in one position.*

High Pressure Processing Tour/Demonstration (optional):

Please RSVP by Monday August 28 5:00 pm (central time) by Email: afouladk@tnstate.edu or Phone: (970)690-7392



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**Postponed due to
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Date and Time:

Friday May 5, 2020- 2:00 to 7:30 pm (central time)

Tentative Agenda:

2:00 to 3:30 pm: Taco Tuesday networking in Nashville Downtown for students, faculty, and food industry members (optional)

3:30 to 4:00 pm: Networking, tour of TSU high pressure processing facility and Food Safety Modernization Act booth (optional)

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Location:

Tennessee State University, College of Agriculture
Farrell Westbrook Research Complex, Auditorium 118
3500 John A Merritt Blvd, Nashville, TN 37209

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Please submit title of your research, 250-word abstract, and name of your advisor by **Friday April 17 2020, 11:59 pm** (central time). Please also let us know if you would like to be considered for competition in poster or oral division, or both. Please note that no late submission will be accepted and only selected abstracts will be scheduled for competition due to limitation in space and time for presentations.

You will be notified about status of your abstract on **Tuesday April 21, 2020**. Up to 6 accepted abstracts in oral and poster divisions will be entered for onsite competition evaluated by three judges. A new category exist this year for oral competitions for up to 6 current post-doctoral researchers and recent graduates for career-development (those graduated in Fall 2019 with a graduate degree). Top three individuals* in each category will be awarded \$400, \$300, \$200**.

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High Pressure Processing Tour/Demonstration (optional):

Please RSVP by Monday April 27 5:00 pm (central time) by Email:
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Graduate Students' Competition:

Please submit your research abstract (250 words), title, and name of your advisor by **Friday April 17 2020, 11:59 pm** (central time) via Email to afouladk@tnstate.edu, please also carbon copy Dr. N. kabir and Mr. S. Chowdhury, Graduate Student Competition co-organizers at: mkabir@my.tnstate.edu and schowdh1@tnstate.edu

NOTE: Please also let us know if you would like to be considered for competition in poster or oral division, or both.

Direction to TSU:

Tennessee State University campus in Nashville, College of Agriculture,
118 Farrell West Brook Auditorium.
3500 John A Merritt Blvd, Nashville, TN 37209

2020 Competition Committee

Organizer and Chair	Aliyar Fouladkhah	Vol. section IFT
Graduate Competition Co-chair	Shahid Chowdhury	Public Health Microbiology Laboratory
Graduate Competition Co-chair	Md Niamul Kabir	Public Health Microbiology Laboratory



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3rd Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students

2019 Graduate Oral Competition Winners

1st Place (tied): Monica Henry, TSU

1st Place (tied): Trent Kerley, UT

2nd Place: Abimbola Allison, TSU

3rd Place: Shan Hong, UT

2019 Graduate Oral Competition Winners

1st Place (tied): Jennifer Vuia-Riser, UT

1st Place (tied): Kaleh Karim, TSU

2nd Place (tied): Shreya Singh Hamal, TSU

2nd Place (tied): Purni Wickramasinghe, UT

3rd Place: Jayashan Adhikari, TSU



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2nd Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students

2018 Graduate Competition Winners

1st Place (tied) Monica Henry: Graduate Competition, TSU

1st Place (tied) Grace Shupe: Graduate Competition, UT

2nd Place Devendra Bhandari: Graduate Competition, TSU

3rd Place Michelle Heatherly: Graduate Competition, UT

2018 Undergraduate Competition Winners

1st Place Braxton Simpson: Undergraduate Competition, TSU

2nd Place Akiliyah Sumlin: Undergraduate Competition, TSU

3rd Place (tied) Kristin Day: Undergraduate Competition, TSU

3rd Place (tied) Kayla Sampson: Undergraduate Competition, TSU

1st Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students

2017 Competition Winners

1st place Danielle Gunter-Ward

2nd place Li Wang

3rd place Shreya Singh Hamal



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