

AGFD Graduate Student Symposium Competition

Sponsor: Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry (AGFD) of the American Chemical Society (ACS)

Purpose: This competition is designed to showcase the research talents of graduate degree candidates.

Eligibility: Participation in the symposium is open to all graduate students who are expected to graduate in 2027 from universities doing advanced research in the areas of food and agricultural chemistry.

Applicants must be members of ACS and AGFD.

Venue/Date: The symposium will be held in conjunction with the ACS Spring National Meeting in New Orleans, LA on March 21 – 25, 2027.

Travel Award: Finalists will receive reimbursement for \$1000 of travel expenses to attend and present their research at the ACS Spring National Meeting.

Award Winners: The winners will receive a cash award of \$500, \$250, and \$100 for first, second, and third place, respectively.

Requirements: The application package must be submitted as single pdf file in the following order (*letters of recommendation may be submitted separately*):

1. Application form
2. Resume (maximum 2 pages)
3. Abstract of the proposed presentation (The abstract should also be entered via the ACS MAPS On-line System into the AGFD Graduate Student Competition Symposium)
4. Letters of recommendation from 2 professors (one letter preferably from the graduate advisor; maximum 1000 word, each)

Contact: Email the complete application to Dr. Kathryn Deibler,
Email: kdd3@cornell.edu

Deadline: September 25, 2026

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**Application to the Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry
AGFD Graduate Symposium Competition**

Name: _____

University: _____

Major(s): _____

Undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA, provide scale): _____

Graduate Grade Point Average (GPA, provide scale): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

ACS Member Number: _____

Are you a member of the Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry (AGFD)

Yes No

Research Advisor: _____

MAPS Abstract Submission Number: _____

Along with this form, please submit the following items in a single pdf file in the following order:

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3. Abstract of your proposed poster presentation – also submit through ACS MAPS system to the **AGFD Graduate Competition Symposium**
4. Letters of recommendation from 2 professors (maximum of 1000 words, each)

E-mail your completed application to:

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