



**ASN's Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2017  
Awards and Travel Funding Opportunities  
for Students, Medical Trainees and other Young/Early Career Investigators**

The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) awards more than \$90,000 in awards and travel grants to students and young professionals annually.

**Award Requirements:**

- Applicants must be ASN members.
- Applicants must be a first author of an abstract submitted to one of ASN's abstract categories. A list of abstract categories can be viewed at [scientificsessions.nutrition.org/abstract-information](http://scientificsessions.nutrition.org/abstract-information)
- Student, Fellow, and Trainee members must have their abstract sponsored by an ASN member.
- The abstract submission site will prompt applicants for the name/institution/email of their ASN members sponsor as well as other information specific to each award.
- Graduate students may only apply to one of the following competitions:
  - Clinical Emerging Leaders Award Competition
  - Graduate Student Research Award Competition
  - Young Minority Investigator Oral Competition
- Postdoctoral fellows and other young investigators (within 5 years of receiving a doctoral degree) may apply to one or all of the following competitions:
  - Global Nutrition Early Career Scholar Award
  - Nutrition Translation Award Competition
  - Postdoctoral Research Award Competition
- Medical trainees (interns/residents/fellows) may only apply to one of the following:
  - Clinical Emerging Leaders Award Competition
  - Postdoctoral Research Award Competition
- All undergraduate and graduate students, medical trainees, and postdoctoral fellows will be considered for the Emerging Leaders in Nutrition Science Poster Competition.

Descriptions and additional requirements for each award program are listed below. **Submit an abstract by November 17, 2016 at [www.experimentalbiology.org](http://www.experimentalbiology.org). Further award instructions are provided during the abstract submission process.**

**Clinical Emerging Leaders Award Competition**

*Organized by the Medical Nutrition Council*

**Purpose:** To promote interest in clinical and human nutrition among those in postgraduate programs.

***Additional Requirements:***

- Registered graduate student or medical trainee who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.

***Process:***

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award during abstract submission in the designated check off box.
  - Five individuals will be chosen to participate in a special oral session to be held Saturday, April 22, 2017.
  - Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
  - Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest, monetary travel award and certificate. One overall winner will be determined.
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## Graduate Student Research Award Competition

Organized by the Nutritional Sciences Council

**Purpose:** Tasks graduate students to hone their research presentation skills.

**Additional Requirements:**

- Registered graduate student who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.

**Process:**

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award during abstract submission in the designated check off box.
  - A review committee will review and rate abstracts based on the following criteria: study objectives/aim/hypothesis; experimental design/methods; selection of critical data and elimination of nonessential data; organization/clarity of figures and tables; explanation of results; and interpretation of data and quality of conclusions drawn.
  - Twelve finalists will be chosen to participate in a special oral session to be held Saturday, April 22, 2017.
  - Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
  - Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest, monetary travel award and certificate. Up to three overall winners will be identified.
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## Young Minority Investigator Oral Competition

Organized by the Minority and Diversity Affairs Committee and supported by DSM Nutritional Products

**Purpose:** This competition provides an opportunity for young investigators from underrepresented communities within the biomedical and life sciences to participate in the annual meeting by discussing their research findings. Finalists will strengthen presentation and professional skills associated with a career in the sciences.

**Additional Requirements:**

- Registered graduate student or medical trainee who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.
- From a group that is underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences: African Americans, Alaskan Natives, Hispanic Americans, American Indians/Native Americans who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment, and Natives of the USA Pacific Islands (Guam, Hawai'i and American Samoa only.)

**Process:**

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award during abstract submission in the designated check off box.
  - During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided that addresses the applicant's role in the research contained in the abstract and how the research connects to applicant's career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
  - Six finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session to be held Saturday, April 22, 2017.
  - Grand Prize winner will be identified from finalists following the oral session. The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$500 award.
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### Emerging Leaders in Nutrition Science Poster Competition

*Organized by ASN's Research Interest Sections, the Global Nutrition Council and the Medical Nutrition Council*

**Purpose:** Recognizes the highest quality research presented by students and young investigators to ASN's abstract categories

**Additional Requirements:**

Open to undergraduate and graduate students; medical trainees; and postdoctoral fellows

**Process:**

- Each of ASN's Research Interest Sections as well as the Global Nutrition Council and the Medical Nutrition Council identify the highest scoring abstracts submitted by graduate students, medical trainees and postdoctoral fellows.
  - Finalists are invited to participate in this poster competition.
  - Grand prize winners are selected by each ASN group; modest, monetary travel grants will be awarded.
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### Postdoctoral Research Award Competition

*Organized by the Young Professional Interest Group and endowed by DuPont Nutrition & Health*

**Purpose:** Challenges early-career scientists and clinicians in nutrition by providing a juried abstract review and special oral session in which they compete in presenting their research findings.

**Additional Requirements:**

- Applicants must be postdoctoral fellows; medical interns, residents or fellows and other young professionals holding a doctoral degree pursuing a career in nutrition science or practices (e.g., junior faculty, staff, assistant scientists).
- Fellows and other young professionals must have obtained their doctoral degree within the past 5 years.

**Process:**

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award during abstract submission in the designated check off box.
  - During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided that addresses the applicant's role in the research contained in the abstract; how the research has potential implications for policy, public health or future research directions; and a brief summary of the application's career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
  - Six finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session to be held Saturday, April 22, 2017.
  - Finalists will each receive a \$250 travel award and certificate. One overall winner will receive an additional \$250 award.
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### Global Nutrition Early Career Scholar Award

*Organized by the Global Nutrition Council*

**Purpose:** Provide travel funding to a researcher from a low or middle income country.

**Additional Requirements:**

- Member of ASN's Global Nutrition Council
- Junior faculty member within 5 years of receiving a masters or doctoral degree and based at a university or research institution in a low or middle income country.

**Process:**

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award during abstract submission in the designated check off box.
- Finalists will be identified based on abstract ratings.
- Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
- Pending funding, one awardee will receive a travel grant. (Target grant: \$2,000)

## Nutrition Translation Award Competition for Early Career Investigators

Organized by the Nutrition Translation RIS in partnership with the Public Information Committee.

**Purpose:** Provides an opportunity for early-career scientists and clinicians to demonstrate how their research can be translated to a defined audience to improve public health and/or health outcomes.

**Additional Requirements:**

- Applicants must be postdoctoral fellows; medical interns, residents or fellows or other young professionals pursuing a career in nutrition science or practice (e.g., junior faculty, staff, assistant scientists).
- Fellows and other young professionals must have obtained their doctoral degree within the past 5 years.

**Process:**

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award during abstract submission in the designated check off box.
- During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided statement (no more than 300 words) that presents a clear connection between the preclinical or clinical research and clinical practice, consumer or community applications; describes practical applications for policy, health and/or wellness and long-term potential impact; and explains how findings could be communicated to an audience beyond nutrition scientists.
- Four finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session to be held Saturday, April 22, 2017.
- Finalists will provide a fifteen-minute presentation, consisting of a 12-minute talk followed by 3 minutes of questions and answers. Judges will rate each scientist's ability to communicate the following:
  - A brief review (limited to 3 minutes) of the foundational research that was the subject of the abstract submitted
  - Example(s) of how the research findings could be translated to a particular audience. Communication tools or representations of such tools such as handouts, brochures, podcasts, or videos should be highlighted.
  - Translation messages that are suitable for the target audience, creatively applied, aligned with the study results, and provide practical, evidence-based recommendations.
- Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest, monetary travel award and certificate. One overall winner will be determined.

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