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Dear Nutrition and Food Science Graduate Students:

The Annual Department of Nutrition and Food Science Research Day (Poster Session Contest) will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018, at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, MD. ***Please note that all graduate students in the Food Science and Nutrition Graduate Program are required to present a poster on May 4, addressing their degree research*** (with the exception of students admitted in the Spring 2018 semester).

The posters should be similar to the format style of Experimental Biology or IFT.¹ Authorship should be shared and discussed with your advisor. Your advisor should also approve the entire poster prior to its presentation. Copies of the criteria that will be used to evaluate the posters will be sent to you separately. There will be the same two categories for each program as in previous years: First Year Graduate (M.S./Ph.D.) Students and Continuing Graduate (M.S./Ph.D.) students. Separate awards will be given for the Food Science posters and for the Nutrition posters, so a total of four awards will be given out. Monetary prizes will be awarded for the winners in each of these categories.

Research Day will be held at the National Agricultural Library (NAL) in the Main Reading Room on the first floor. NAL is located on Route 1 (10301 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705) just north of the Beltway, and across the street from IKEA. NAL has plenty of free parking. All posters must be mounted in the designated area (look for your name on a post-it note on the wall) of the NAL Main Reading Room by 10:00am on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Graduate students must be present at their posters from 12:30-2:00 pm on Friday, May 4 to answer questions from the judges.

A one-page abstract (no more than 300 words, excluding title and authors) summarizing your poster is due by Monday, April 09, 2018 at 5 pm. Text must be prepared in Microsoft Word and e-mailed to Sara at <sarakao@umd.edu> as an e-mail attachment. Your abstract must be submitted electronically, in the following format:

- Right/left and top/ bottom margins should be 1"
- Title to begin at 1" from the top of page -- centered and in boldface
- Double space to author's name(s) -- centered and in boldface
- Triple space between author's name(s) and the body of the abstract
- Abstract must be single spaced in font size 12, Time New Roman font (300 words max).
- References and author affiliation are optional

¹ There is no one poster format, but information on styles and tips for making posters can be found at:

<http://people.eku.edu/ritchisong/posterpres.html>

<http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/NewSite/>

<http://www.cns.cornell.edu/documents/ScientificPosters.pdf>

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/NatSci/cpurri1/posteradvice.htm>

Students are responsible for ensuring that their electronic submissions are successful. Sara will confirm that she has received your abstract by e-mail. She will not retype nor reformat submitted abstracts. Abstracts not submitted by the due date will not be included in the abstract booklet sent to judges and will not be eligible to receive prizes. The poster and abstract are a mandatory requirement of the graduate program.

Volunteers are also needed to help committee members set up and clean up on May 4. Please contact Sara if you are able to assist.

If you have questions about your abstract or poster, please contact your research advisor.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your poster on May 4.

NFSC Annual Research Day Committee members:

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