**12th BMBGSA Annual Research Symposium Rules**

**General rules**
1. Poster session is open to both undergraduate and graduate students, and will have separate categories for each.
2. Undergraduate students may participate in the graduate poster category, but may only be registered in one category.
3. The Oral session is open to graduate students only.
4. For graduate students presenting in both the oral and poster competitions the presented data must be different.
5. Presentations must be over research in the biological sciences.
6. Awards will be presented to top presenters in both oral and poster competitions and to top undergraduate poster presenters.
7. Presenters may place in only one competition.
8. If a presenter places in two competitions they will be asked which prize they wish to be awarded.
9. Acceptance of Abstracts will be limited due to time and space constraints.
10. Decisions over acceptance of abstracts will be made by the BMBGSA Symposium Committee and will take into consideration date of submission and content of the provided abstract.
11. Submission of abstracts opens July 1st.
12. Deadline for submission is August 31st.
13. Applicants will be notified if their abstract was accepted by September 9th.
14. Judging requirements are provide upon request, but the Judges will remain anonymous till after the symposium.
15. All Judges decisions are final.

**Poster Session Rules**
1. Size: 36” (height) x 48” (width) maximum.
2. Posting of posters will begin at 8:45 AM on the 17th and the 18th.
3. Posters must be posted before the poster session begins.
4. Presenters must be present during the session to be judged.

**Oral Session Rules**
1. Presenters are limited to 15 minutes, including questions, and will not receive additional time.
2. Presentations must be provided to the coordinators by 6PM September the 15th in order to present.
3. Edited versions of the presentation may be presented to the coordinators before 8:45AM the day of the presentation.
4. Presenters whose Power Points that are not compatible with the provided computer will be contacted by September 16th.