



COMMUNICATE YOUR RESEARCH | STUDENT COMPETITION

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The Communicate Your Research Competition is designed to promote excellence and scientific professionalism for the advancement of communication between tertiary institutions and the Australian cattle feedlot industry. The competition aims to provide students an opportunity to share their research in relevant intensive animal and veterinary science disciplines with the Australian feedlot industry.

COMPETITION OUTLINE

1. Students are asked to deliver a 5-minute oral presentation with an accompanying slide deck on their research to a judging panel that holds a broad understanding of the beef industry.
2. Students then share their research via a poster session to the conference delegation where they may field questions from attendees. Students are required to prepare a poster as outlined in the guidelines.

ENTRY CRITERIA

- ▶ Entrants must be undergraduate or postgraduate tertiary students currently enrolled in a field related to the beef industry that may encompass nutrition, meat science, genetics, animal welfare, veterinary science, agribusiness, or agricultural leadership.
- ▶ The research topic and presentation must be of relevance to the feedlot industry. Research conducted in production animals that could be adopted by the feedlot industry is appropriate.
- ▶ There is no age restriction.

STUDENT CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

To assist with attending BeefEx 2018, the Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA) & Meat & Livestock Australia offer several Student Conference Scholarships covering a full registration to BeefEx 2018.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a scholarship, go to the ALFA Awards webpage on at www.feedlots.com.au/events/awards. If you are unsuccessful for a scholarship, you can register for BeefEx 2018 at www.beefex.com.au.



KEY DATES

Entries Open:	6 August 2018
Entries close:	2 September 2018
Present to Judges:	8 October 2018 at BeefEx
Poster Session:	9-10 October 2018 at BeefEx
Present to Conference:	10 October 2018 at BeefEx
Winner Announcement:	10 October 2018 at BeefEx

PRIZES

Cash prizes are offered to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place students.

1st Place: \$2,000 **2nd Place:** \$1,000 **3rd Place:** \$500



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RESEARCH & PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Abstract

- ▶ Students are required to submit a research abstract (300 words maximum) at the time of entering the competition. The abstract is to provide a brief description of the research project.

Oral Presentation

- ▶ Oral presentations are to convey a brief summary of the research project.
- ▶ Presentations are limited to 5 minutes maximum plus 2 minutes for questions.
- ▶ Students are required to prepare a PowerPoint presentation to accompany their oral presentation which must be loaded on a USB and provided upon request.

Please note: PowerPoint is the only software supported for electronic presentations. Use of personal computers or alternative software packages will not be possible.

Poster Session

- ▶ Posters are to be prepared with maximum dimensions of 92 cm by 122 cm.
- ▶ Materials will be provided by the conference organisers for attaching posters to boards for the poster session. Posters will be setup from 7:45-8:00 a.m. on 9 October 2018.
- ▶ Entrants are required to stand next to their poster during the duration of the poster session to communicate their research directly with conference attendees.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Enter online by submitting your research abstract via the ALFA Awards webpage at www.feedlots.com.au/events/awards
2. Register for BeefEx 2018 at www.beefex.com.au or apply for a Student Conference Scholarship

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or queries contact the Competition Committee at communicateyourresearch@gmail.com.

