

# COMMUNICATE YOUR RESEARCH

## STUDENT COMPETITION GUIDELINES

**ALFA**  
AUSTRALIAN LOT FEEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The ALFA **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 apply via the ALFA website, submitting information about their studies and research project.
2. 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.
3. 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.
- The finalists and the overall winner agrees to be part of the promotion of the Competition.

### KEY DATES 2024

<b>Applications Open</b>	1 May 2024
<b>Applications Close</b>	31 August 2024
<b>Oral Presentation</b>	15 October 2024
<b>Poster Session</b>	16-17 October 2024

### PRIZES

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

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

### ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- All eligible entrants will receive a complimentary full delegate registration as part of their prize (valued at \$800/student).
- All eligible entrants will be invited to join the invite-only ALFA Alumni networking function to meet with the industry's emerging and established leaders.
- Students are also offered training by the ALFA Conference Organiser on professional presentation skills to heighten their stage performance and provide an additional professional development opportunity.

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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 Display

- 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. A specified time will be set to setup posters
- It is expected that the author stand next to the poster during the entire duration of the poster session to communicate their research directly with conference attendees.
- Students should remove their posters at the conclusion of the poster session.



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#### HOW TO ENTER

Enter online by submitting your research abstract via the ALFA Leadership webpage at [feedlots.com.au/communicateresearch](https://feedlots.com.au/communicateresearch)

#### BEEFEX 2024

Attracting over 750 delegates, BeefEx is the Australian cattle lot feeding industry's leading conference, hosted by ALFA. It is to be held in Brisbane on 15th - 17th October 2024, for more information visit [beefex.com.au](https://beefex.com.au)

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or queries contact the Competition Committee at [awards@feedlots.com.au](mailto:awards@feedlots.com.au)