



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. All students will have their posters on display during the SmartBeef conference. The top 3 students from the presentation round will then also present 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.

KEY DATES

Entries Open:	1 July 2021
Entries close:	29 August 2021
Present to Judges:	19 October in Dalby, QLD
Poster Session:	20 October at SmartBeef
Present to Conference:	20 October at SmartBeef
Winner Announcement:	20 October at SmartBeef

PRIZES

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

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

STUDENT CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

To assist with attending SmartBeef 2021 Conference, entrants are encouraged to apply for an ALFA Student Conference Scholarship.

To apply for a scholarship, visit feedlots.com.au/studentscholarship. If you are unsuccessful for a scholarship, you can register for SmartBeef 2021 at smartbeef.com.au.

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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. Posters will be setup on 19 October 2021.
- ▶ Entrants are encouraged to take the opportunity of communicating their research directly with conference attendees with the use of their posters.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Enter online by submitting your research abstract via the ALFA Leadership webpage at <https://www.feedlots.com.au/communicateresearch>.
2. Register for SmartBeef 2021 at smartbeef.com.au and/or apply for a Student Conference Scholarship.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

