



Award Competitions and Travel Funding Opportunities for Students, Medical Trainees, Postdoctoral Fellows, and Young Investigators

The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) awards more than \$90,000 in awards and travel grants to students and young professionals annually.

Award Requirements:

- Applicants must be ASN members.
- Applicants must be a presenting author of a submitted abstract.
- Applications for award competitions and travel funding opportunities are accepted during the Nutrition 2018 abstract submission process. The deadline for abstract submission and award applications is **January 18, 2018**. [Click here](#) to access the Nutrition 2018 Abstract Submission website.
- Descriptions and additional requirements are listed below.
- All undergraduate students, graduate students, medical students, medical trainees, and postdoctoral fellows will be considered for the Emerging Leaders in Nutrition Science Poster Competition.
- All graduate students and medical students who apply for an award competition in which they are eligible will also be considered for the Student Interest Group (SIG) Travel Award.

Eligibility Based on Academic Level:

	Undergraduate Student	Graduate Student <i>May apply to one only of the first 3 listed</i>	Medical Student <i>May apply to one only of the first 3 listed</i>	Medical Trainee (interns/residents/fellows) <i>May apply to one only</i>	Postdoctoral Fellow <i>May apply to any or all</i>	Young Investigator (within 5 years of receiving a doctoral or terminal degree) <i>May apply to any or all</i>
Clinical Emerging Leaders Award Competition		✓	✓	✓		
Global Nutrition Early Career Scholar Award					✓	✓
Graduate Student Research Award Competition		✓	✓			
Nutrition Translation Award Competition				✓	✓	✓
Postdoctoral Research Award Competition				✓	✓	✓
Young Minority Investigator Oral Competition		✓	✓	✓		
Student Interest Group (SIG) Travel Award	✓	✓	✓			

Clinical Emerging Leaders Award Competition

Organized by the Medical Nutrition Council

Purpose: Promotes interest in clinical and human nutrition among those in postgraduate programs.

Additional Requirements:

- Registered graduate student, medical student or medical trainee who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
 - Five individuals will be chosen to participate in a special oral session at Nutrition 2018.
 - Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
 - Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest, monetary travel award and certificate. One overall winner will be determined.
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Emerging Leaders in Nutrition Science Poster Competition

Organized by ASN's Research Interest Sections, the Global Nutrition Council and the Medical Nutrition Council

Purpose: Recognizes the highest quality research presented by students and young investigators to ASN's abstract categories.

Additional Requirements:

- Open to undergraduate, graduate and medical students; medical trainees; and postdoctoral fellows.

Process:

- Each of ASN's Research Interest Sections as well as the Global Nutrition Council and the Medical Nutrition Council identify the highest scoring abstracts submitted by students, medical trainees and postdoctoral fellows.
 - Finalists are invited to participate in this poster competition at Nutrition 2018.
 - Grand prize winners are selected by each ASN group; modest, monetary travel grants will be awarded.
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Global Nutrition Early Career Scholar Award

Organized by the Global Nutrition Council

Purpose: Provide travel funding to a researcher from a low or middle income country.

Additional Requirements:

- Member of ASN's Global Nutrition Council
- Junior faculty member within 5 years of receiving a masters or doctoral degree and based at a university or research institution in a low or middle income country.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
- Finalists will be identified based on abstract ratings.
- Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
- Pending funding, one awardee will receive a travel grant. (Target grant: \$2,000)

Graduate Student Research Award Competition

Organized by the Nutritional Sciences Council

Purpose: Tasks graduate students to hone their research presentation skills.

Additional Requirements:

- Registered graduate student or medical student who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
 - A review committee will review and rate abstracts based on the following criteria: study objectives/aim/hypothesis; experimental design/methods; selection of critical data and elimination of nonessential data; organization/clarity of figures and tables; explanation of results; and interpretation of data and quality of conclusions drawn.
 - Twelve finalists will be chosen to participate in a special oral session at Nutrition 2018.
 - Finalists will provide a brief statement confirming their intention to compete and describing their involvement and responsibilities in their study.
 - Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest, monetary travel award and certificate. Up to three overall winners will be identified.
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Nutrition Translation Award Competition for Early Career Investigators

Organized by the Nutrition Translation RIS in partnership with the Public Information Committee

Purpose: Provides an opportunity for early-career scientists and clinicians to demonstrate how their research can be translated to a defined audience to improve public health and/or health outcomes.

Additional Requirements:

- Applicants must be postdoctoral fellows; medical interns, residents or fellows or other young professionals pursuing a career in nutrition science or practice (e.g., junior faculty, staff, assistant scientists).
- Fellows and other young professionals must have obtained their doctoral degree within the past 5 years.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
- During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided statement (no more than 300 words) that presents a clear connection between the preclinical or clinical research and clinical practice, consumer or community applications; describes practical applications for policy, health and/or wellness and long-term potential impact; and explains how findings could be communicated to an audience beyond nutrition scientists.
- Four finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session at Nutrition 2018.
- Finalists will provide a fifteen-minute presentation, consisting of a 12-minute talk followed by 3 minutes of questions and answers. Judges will rate each scientist's ability to communicate the following:
 - A brief review (limited to 3 minutes) of the foundational research that was the subject of the abstract submitted.
 - Example(s) of how the research findings could be translated to a particular audience. Communication tools or representations of such tools such as handouts, brochures, podcasts, or videos should be highlighted.
 - Translation messages that are suitable for the target audience, creatively applied, aligned with the study results, and provide practical, evidence-based recommendations.

- Pending external funding, finalists will each receive a modest, monetary travel award and certificate. One overall winner will be determined.
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Postdoctoral Research Award Competition

Organized by the Young Professional Interest Group and endowed by DuPont Nutrition & Health

Purpose: Challenges early-career scientists and clinicians in nutrition by providing a juried abstract review and special oral session in which they compete in presenting their research findings.

Additional Requirements:

- Applicants must be postdoctoral fellows; medical interns, residents or fellows and other young professionals holding a doctoral degree pursuing a career in nutrition science or practices (e.g., junior faculty, staff, assistant scientists).
- Fellows and other young professionals must have obtained their doctoral degree within the past 5 years.

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
 - During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided that addresses the applicant's role in the research contained in the abstract; how the research has potential implications for policy, public health or future research directions; and a brief summary of the application's career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
 - Six finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session at Nutrition 2018.
 - Finalists will each receive a \$250 travel award and certificate. One overall winner will receive an additional \$250 award.
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Student Interest Group (SIG) Travel Award

Organized by the Student Interest Group (SIG)

Purpose: Recognizes students for outstanding abstracts and presentation skills.

Additional Requirements:

- Applicants must be a student member of ASN and first author of the submitted abstract.
- One entry per person.

Process:

- Undergraduate students indicate desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission. Graduate students and medical students applying for the Clinical Emerging Leader Award Competition, Graduate Student Research Award Competition, or Young Minority Investigator Oral Competition will automatically be considered for this competition upon submitting an abstract.
- Individuals who have submitted an abstract to be presented at an oral session at Nutrition 2018 are also eligible to compete for this award but must put together a 3 minute oral presentation.
- Six finalists will be chosen based on abstract quality. Top abstracts will be of high scientific merit and clearly articulate the research objective(s), experimental design and methodology, results, and conclusions (i.e. significance and/or implication of research findings).
- Six finalists will be asked to present a 3 minute oral presentation during the Graduate Student Breakfast to be held at Nutrition 2018.
- Oral presentations will be judged on organization and clarity, ability of finalists to communicate the research to the judges in an accurate but succinct manner, and ability of finalists to field questions from the judges.

- Three \$150 monetary awards will be given to the top three finalists, selected by the judges based on the oral presentation.
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Young Minority Investigator Oral Competition

Organized by the Minority and Diversity Affairs Committee and supported by DSM Nutritional Products

Purpose: This competition provides an opportunity for young investigators from underrepresented communities within the biomedical and life sciences to participate in the annual meeting by discussing their research findings. Finalists will strengthen presentation and professional skills associated with a career in the sciences.

Additional Requirements:

- Registered graduate student, medical student or medical trainee who has not received a doctoral research degree prior to the abstract deadline.
- From a group that is underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences: African Americans, Alaskan Natives, Hispanic Americans, American Indians/Native Americans who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment, and Natives of the USA Pacific Islands (Guam, Hawai'i and American Samoa only.)

Process:

- Applicant indicates desire to be considered for this award in the designated section during abstract submission.
- During abstract submission, a brief statement must be provided that addresses the applicant's role in the research contained in the abstract and how the research connects to applicant's career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
- Six finalists will be selected to participate in a special oral session at Nutrition 2018.
- Grand Prize winner will be identified from finalists following the oral session. The Grand Prize winner will receive a modest monetary award, pending external funding.

**Submit an abstract by January 18, 2018 through the [Nutrition 2018 Abstract Submission website](#).
Further award instructions are provided during the abstract submission process.**