



FAB Student Awards Program

The FAB Finance and Endowment Committee encourages students enrolled at colleges and universities to apply for the 2019 Presentation Awards and Travel Awards. The purpose of the student awards program is to encourage student oral presentations and/or posters at FAB's annual meetings. Such activities are an important part of the professional development of students, offering opportunities to present their research in a collegial environment that encourages constructive feedback, establishes professional networks, provides contacts for collaborative research, and sources of potential future employment or graduate school. FAB's annual meetings are generally held at academic or biological stations in Florida that allow for field excursions and collecting.

Eligibility for Presentation and Travel Awards

- Applicants must be registered presenters at the annual meeting to receive the award.
- Applicants must have conducted the research presented while matriculated in an undergraduate or graduate program. Travel award recipients will be eligible up to 6 months after graduation.
- The major research or academic advisor of applicants must supply a letter of support including confirmation of student's status.
- A student may apply for both types of awards.

Presentation Awards:

- Best Oral Presentation for a Graduate Student Presenter: \$200
- Best Oral Presentation for an Undergraduate Student: \$200
- Best Poster Presentation: \$100

In addition, meeting registration and annual dues will be waived by FAB.

How to Apply: Students are requested to submit abstracts for such presentations to the FAB President at president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org preferably no later than three weeks before the event. Please refer to the abstract guidelines posted on the [FAB website](#). The advisor's letter may be sent separately or included with the abstract.

Travel Awards:

Travel Awards will be granted based on the applicant's residency in relation to the annual meeting and the submittal of a one-page description of research or proposed research, an itinerary, and a support letter from the student's research or academic advisor. In the letter, the advisor must state whether the student has applied for or is receiving other funding for the FAB meeting. Applications and advisor letters are due **May 17**, and will be evaluated by the Finance and Endowment Committee. Applicants will be notified within one week of receipt of application.

The monetary amount will be determined by the student's research description, length of attendance at the annual meeting, and demonstrated financial need. Awards will not exceed \$200 and will be presented at the meeting.

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