



2. Mississippi INBRE Graduate Scholars Symposium

Honoring Excellence in Science in Mississippi

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Sponsored by Mississippi IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), this symposium is intended to promote and recognize meritorious research conducted by graduate students. Mississippi INBRE is a network of colleges and universities throughout Mississippi with the goal of enhancing biomedical research infrastructure, funding, and training opportunities to better the development of the next generation of researchers in Mississippi. Funded by the National Institutes of Health and housed at The University of Southern Mississippi, the mission of Mississippi INBRE is to reach out to Mississippians in order to improve health throughout the state and to engage talented researchers and students in biomedical research projects that will increase the state's research competitiveness as well as impact the health of citizens of Mississippi.

Criteria for Selection of recipients:

1. Each division chair(s) and vice chair(s) of the 13 divisions will select the top **20% of graduate student abstracts** to represent their division and present their work in the Mississippi INBRE sponsored lunch award symposium, "Honoring Excellence in Science in Mississippi," on Friday, February 22nd at 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Student's name must appear as first author in both abstract and poster.
2. After presenting in their division, the nominated students will agree to present their posters in the poster symposium on Friday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Lunch will be provided from 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Failure to physically present at their respective division the day prior will disqualify the selected presenters from competing in the symposium. First author must be present to compete and presentation by a co-author will not be accepted.
3. Award prizes will be presented immediately at the end of event as follows:
1st Place: Certificate plus \$250; 2nd Place: Certificate plus \$200; 3rd Place: Certificate plus \$150; 4th Place: Certificate plus \$100; and honorable mention for 5th – 6th winners. Each selected presenter will receive a MAS certificate of achievement.