



### **SSSA Society-Wide Graduate Student Competition Announced!**

SSSA will be hosting the inaugural Society-wide graduate student competition at the 2019 SSSA International Soils Meeting in San Diego (theme: *Soils Across Latitudes*). The competition is being developed by the SSSA Student/Early Career Annual Meeting task force and is full-supported by the SSSA Program Planning Committee.

This Society-wide competition will give our students the opportunity to showcase their work to the broader soils community. This competition will be tournament style, where the top winner from each division's traditional contests will then go on to compete in a head-to-head 5 minute rapid oral session and then poster session. Divisions without current competitions are being encouraged to participate as well. Eligible students are undergraduates, grad students, and if the division chooses, could include post-docs with no more than one-year post doc (and must present on their doctoral research).

Each division will select their top student in whichever manner best fits their program – traditional oral/poster, rapid fire oral/poster, etc. but selected students will be presenting in the conference-wide contest with a 5 minute rapid fire oral and a poster (so should be prepared as such).

We anticipate that each division will need to submit their top student's name by the end of the sessions on Tuesday and that the Society-wide competition will take place on Wednesday.

This contest will showcase each division's top student – going head to head with other students. As such, there will be significant prizes!

First Place: \$1000 plus a 2018 San Antonio Meeting Registration (value of \$300)  
Second Place: \$750  
Third Place: \$500

All of the participants in this competition will receive recognition in CSA News and certificates.

Watch for additional details, announced through the SSSA Divisions. If you have questions, please contact your division leadership.