

## Travel Awards

**9 travel awards** in the amount of \$1000 each will be awarded to:

- 2 highest-scoring oral presentations (across both days)
- 1 highest-scoring elevator talk
- 6 highest-scoring poster presentations (3 from each day)

**2 honorary (non-monetary) awards** will be given to the second and third highest-scoring elevator talk presenters.

Postdoctoral/research/clinical fellows and predoctoral/postbaccalaureate fellows presenting **posters** will compete in separate categories:

- 2 awards will be granted to the highest-scoring poster presentations by two postdoctoral/research/clinical fellows from each session
- 1 award will be granted to the highest-scoring poster presentation from a predoctoral/postbaccalaureate fellow from each session

Winners will be announced at the virtual ceremony at the end of the conference. **Presenters are strongly encouraged to attend the ceremony.**

### Eligibility

- You must be an NIDDK fellow
- You must present an oral presentation, elevator talk or poster presentation at the conference
- You must volunteer to judge at one session
- You will be contacted to judge a session that you do not compete in
- Volunteering to judge multiple sessions is appreciated but will not affect your eligibility

## Abstract Submission

<b>Deadline:</b>	Abstract submission is due by <b>February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.</b>
<b>Title Length:</b>	250 characters or less, including spaces.
<b>Abstract Length:</b>	Your abstract must be 2,500 characters or less, including spaces and carriage returns. Special characters such as equations, Greek letters, or special symbols are permitted.
<b>Contents:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Scientific background</li><li>II. The research question(s) / Hypothesis</li><li>III. Experimental design / Methodology</li><li>IV. Results</li><li>V. Conclusions and their implications</li></ol>

Abstract should be written to a general audience from different disciplines. Your abstract can be one that you have previously submitted (e.g. conference submission, Postbac poster day or the FARE award) if it follows the above guidelines. Every participant should submit their own single original abstract – **no duplicate abstract submissions are allowed.**

## **Selection of NIDDK Fellows' Oral Presentation and Elevator Talks**

### **Eligibility**

- All fellows are encouraged to present at the conference.

### **Selection:**

Abstracts selected for an oral presentation/elevator talk will be judged based on the following content:

- Does the scientific background provide enough information to support the scientific question?
- Is the research question clearly described, based on existing data, and important to the field?
- Is the experimental design clearly described, and does it lead to the researcher's arguments?
- Are the results stated clearly and do they lead to the researcher's conclusions?

## Oral Presentations

### Keynote Speakers:

*Thank you for agreeing to attend and speak at our conference*

Talk Length: Maximum of **50 minutes + 10 minutes** Q&A

### Invited speakers (PIs and staff scientists):

*Thank you for agreeing to give the opening talk of your designated oral session*

Talk Length: Maximum of **15 minutes + 5 minutes** Q&A

### Career Consulting Event panelists:

*Thank you for agreeing to share your expertise with the fellows*

Talk Length: Maximum of **20 minutes + 10 minutes** Q&A

### Facilities & Expo Event speakers:

*Thank you for agreeing to inform fellows about the resources at NIH*

Talk Length: Maximum of **5 minutes + 3 minutes** Q&A

Note: Speakers will have opportunity to answer more questions during the poster session.

### Selected speakers (Fellows):

*Congratulations on being selected to present your work*

#### ○ **If selected for oral presentation:**

Talk Length: Maximum of **15 minutes + 5 minutes** Q&A

Content: Your presentation should provide enough background to understand the research question, clearly describe methodology employed, and show all results needed to support any conclusion(s) made. Please make sure to discuss the significance of the research question(s) and rationale for method(s) used.

Scoring: See rubric below for judging criteria

#### ○ **If selected for elevator talk:**

Talk Length: Maximum of **3 minutes + NO Q&A**. The presenters will have opportunity to answer questions during their poster session.

Content: Your presentation should be a single slide without any videos and animations. Your “elevator pitch” should be brief and conceptual; it should provide sufficient background and a clear description of the question/hypothesis. Please make sure to explain the significance of your project to a general audience. Having the data on the slide is optional. These details can be later discussed during the poster session.

**Presenters are highly encouraged to attend “Elevator Pitches” workshop by communications/media coach, Scott Morgan on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Scoring: See rubric below for judging criteria. Note that the elevator talks longer than 3 minutes will be disqualified from the award competition.

### Additional information

Details regarding the oral presentation at virtual conference will be sent via e-mail prior to the conference.

## Poster Presentations

- Content:** Poster should provide (1) sufficient background to understand the research question(s) and its significance; (2) clear description of methodology; (3) results needed to support any conclusion(s) made; (4) conclusions and their implications. **Be sure to address the above points in the body of your poster and in your presentation.**
- Scoring:** See rubric for judging criteria

### Additional information

Details regarding the poster presentation at virtual conference will be sent via e-mail prior to the conference.

## Moderators

### During session:

- I. *Introduce speaker*
  - Keynote speakers – Formal introduction
  - Oral session speakers – Name of speaker and title of talk
  - Career consulting event – Name and title of speaker and title of talk
  - Facilities and expo session – Name and title of speaker and title of talk
- II. *Keep session time*
  - If a speaker exceeds the allocated time, interrupt politely to wrap up their presentation.
- III. *Facilitate questions*
  - Read questions in the virtual chat box to the speaker. If there are no questions from the audience, have one prepared to ask. Thank speaker/s at the end of the session and provide information about the next item on the schedule