The Industrial & Engineering Chemistry (I&EC) Division of the American Chemical Society requests papers for its 11th Annual Graduate Student Award Symposium. ACS has made this a hybrid in-person/virtual event: more details will be provided when available.

This symposium allows outstanding current graduate students to disseminate their research to the global professional community. The Division seeks research papers from the chemical or material sciences and engineering that are broadly relevant to industrial and engineering chemistry. The Division anticipates holding one full day of presentations. Student participants will be expected to attend the symposium awards luncheon as well (at no cost to students), and their research advisors and guests are also invited to attend.

Students must first input their abstracts in the ACS MAPS abstracts system by the ACS deadline, which is April 12, 2021. Student authors should select the Oral Presentation Only option. See https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/national-meeting/abstract-submission.html to submit abstracts. Selection for the symposium is competitive; students who are not accepted for the Award Symposium will have the option to present their work in the I&EC Division poster session or in the General Papers session.

Benefits and Awards: Every graduate student lead author accepted for this Symposium will be awarded an ACS member’s meeting registration fee, plus a ticket to the Awards Luncheon. All submissions and presentations will be evaluated by a panel selected by the Division. In addition, the first, second, and third place winners will receive monetary awards ($550, 400, and $250 respectively). To be eligible for any award, the presenter must be a student who is pursuing a graduate degree in the chemical sciences or engineering or a closely related field at the time of the symposium.

Graduate student lead authors must also ask their supervisors to email a brief letter of support directly to the symposium organizers, at iec.student.symposium@gmail.com. The support letter should simply confirm that the student is currently enrolled and is the lead author responsible for the work to be presented. No further information is needed in the support letter. The support letter should be sent to iec.student.symposium@gmail.com by April 21, 2021. Students will be notified of their acceptance by April 28, 2021.

Questions about this symposium can be directed to the organizers, again using the symposium email iec.student.symposium@gmail.com.

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