



AFIA Invites Undergraduate Students to Present at the Pet Food Conference

The American Feed Industry Association is pleased to provide an opportunity for up to eight outstanding undergraduate students considering careers in pet nutrition, pet food quality, pet food safety, the human-animal bond, pet food marketing or other pet food-related field to present their research or subject matter reviews in a poster session to be held at the AFIA Pet Food Conference. The daylong conference will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, in conjunction with the [International Production & Processing Expo](#) in Atlanta, Ga or during a virtual event to be held in mid-January 2021.

Members of the AFIA Pet Food Committee will select the students based on their chosen topic's relevance to the pet food industry, quality of the written submission and recommendation from the student's academic advisor. The posters can either be a presentation of original research or an original compilation of information of current or emerging interest to the pet food industry.

Students should develop the topic as an industry or trade conference presentation rather than for a purely scientific audience. Emphasis should be placed on the background and development of rationale with focus on conclusions and implications for the pet food industry. Conference attendees include 300 representatives from all major pet food manufacturers and professional roles within their companies.

Submission guidelines: All materials must be submitted to lcalderwood@afia.org by **Nov. 16, 2020**.

Use **POSTER SESSION** in the subject line of the submission.

1. A 500-word (maximum) outline of the chosen topic or research area. This does not need to be written in the format of a scientific abstract.
2. A letter of recommendation from the student's academic advisor including a description of the student's public speaking skills.
3. A curriculum vitae or resume'.

AFIA is pleased to offer the following support to students considering careers in the pet food industry:

1. The opportunity to engage with 350 members of the pet food industry at the AFIA Pet Food Conference.
2. Free admission to the AFIA Pet Food Conference (including breakfast and lunch).
3. A certificate acknowledging selection to the program.

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