

2016 Instructions for the Dr. Jim Ayres Young Investigator Award

Applications must be submitted by May 16, 2016 First place - \$1,000; second place - \$500; third place - \$250

To be eligible for this award, the following criteria must be met:

- 1. Student is currently enrolled in a Georgia college or university and graduated no earlier than December of 2015.
- 2. Student is a member of GAFP (see note below).
- 3. Student provides proof that their abstract was accepted for presentation (either oral or poster) at the 2016 IAFP Annual Meeting on July 31- Aug. 3rd in St. Louis, Missouri (forwarding the original email is preferred). Student also delivers their presentation/poster at that IAFP meeting.
- 4. Research submitted must be original; the same poster/presentation cannot be submitted for this scholarship over multiple years.
- 5. Student submits an extended abstract (in either Word document or PDF format) that includes: title of research project, objective, methodology, results, significant new findings, implications of their research, and references.
- 6. The extended abstract should be no more than 3 pages, single-spaced, for the written portion; figures and tables can be included in an appendix (not included in the page minimum).
- 7. The abstract contains a cover sheet (does not count toward 3-page limit) that includes: applicant's full name, name of college/university and department, email address, phone number, mailing address, and major professor's name(s).
- 9. Award recipients present their research in a short presentation at the Fall 2016 GAFP meeting.

A panel of non-GAFP food safety professionals will judge abstracts and recipients will be notified by June 1st. Award payments will be sent to the mailing address provided. Recipients will be recognized at the fall 2016 GAFP meeting and on the GAFP website (www.GAAFP.org).

Note: If you are unsure if you are a paid member of GAFP, please phone or email Rae Hunter, GAFP Secretary at 843-469-9841 or rae.hunter@thermofisher.com. To become a student member of GAFP, mail a \$5 check or money order (made out to GAFP) to **Attn: Rae Hunter**, 1775 Tennyson Row, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466.