

Abstract Award Rubric

General description: Travel Awards to attend our annual meeting are available to postdocs, graduate and undergraduate students. Applicants must be SBN trainee members and be first author on an abstract to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology.

Application materials: Abstracts must be submitted 1 week prior to the regular poster abstract deadline.

Evaluation. Abstracts will be evaluated on the quality of the science, creativeness of the question and written clarity. Judges will be comprised of the awards committee or other SBN faculty members. The top 3 abstracts in each trainee category will win an award.

Please assign a score, using whole numbers, for each candidate for each category	Max Score:
Background & purpose:	
Title is complete, informative, and written in a scientific tone.	5
Research question creatively addresses a topic of interest in behavioral neuroendocrinology.	25
Rationale sets up the study/project so that the reviewer can understand the importance of the research. Hypothesis is clear and consistent with the research question and stems from the rationale.	20
Methods:	
Logical consistency between the study/project purpose and methods. Clearly described and appropriate design with necessary controls, sampling, sample size, manipulation (if applicable), data collection procedures (including measurement & instruments), and comparisons conducted to reach conclusions.	15
Results and conclusion	
Results clearly and succinctly stated in relation to research question, rationale, and hypothesis. Accurate interpretation of results. Conclusions supported by data. Broader implications addressed.	20
Overall	
Abstract flows logically and writing is clear and organized (e.g., complete sentences, avoids jargon, typographically flawless)	15