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Graduate Student Competitions

Call for Applications 2027

Apply by **February 22, 2027**

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us for the Animal Nutrition Conference of Canada

What is ANAC?

The Animal Nutrition Association of Canada (ANAC) is the national trade association of the Canadian livestock feed industry. Originally formed in 1929 under the name Canadian Feed Manufacturers' Association, ANAC has been representing the feed industry for nearly 100 years.

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What is the Animal Nutrition Conference of Canada (ANCC)?

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The Animal Nutrition Conference of Canada (ANCC) is a dynamic conference that brings together researchers and feed industry specialists to exchange knowledge about the latest scientific developments related to livestock nutrition.

How can I participate in the ANCC?

- **Showcase your research** in the Graduate Student Competitions.
- **Participate and ask questions** during the career panel discussion at the Student Networking Event.
- **Apply** for the ANAC Scholarship.
- **Network** with industry leaders in animal nutrition.
- **Learn** about the latest developments in animal nutrition research.



What categories make up the Graduate Student Competitions?



These competitions include three categories:

- oral presentation competition
- poster competition
- up-and-coming research mini presentations

Note: Participants must be available to attend the ANCC 2027 from April 28-30, 2027 at Le Centre Sheraton Montreal, Montréal, Quebec

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Oral Presentation Competition

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Two winners will be selected, one from each of the ruminant and monogastric categories. If selected, you will:

- Deliver a **20-minute oral presentation** at ANCC 2027 (15-minute presentation + 5 minutes for questions)
- Have your registration expenses, travel and accommodations for ANCC 2027 **paid by the conference**
- Have your written abstract **published in the conference Book of Abstracts** and online Proceedings

Requirements:

Submit an online application* **by February 22, 2027** with the following:

- ☐ Name, contact information and program of study
- ☐ Written abstract (250 words)
- ☐ Video abstract (3 minutes)
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from your academic department or supervisor

Judging guidelines and criteria

Apply now!

**Applicants must be signed in to a google account to submit the online form. If you are unable to do so, please email info@anacan.org*

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All applicants will have their **video abstract** displayed online on the conference website, making your research accessible for the broader industry to see and learn about your work.

Selected students will be informed by **March 19, 2027.**

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Poster Competition

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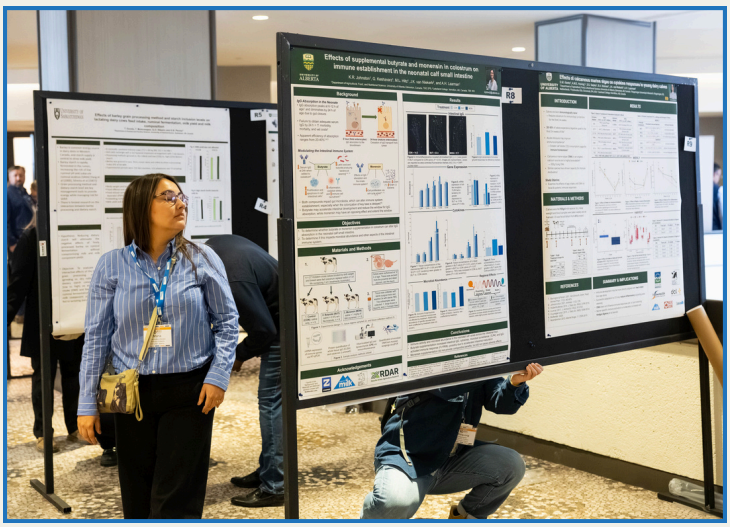



NEW **NEW THIS YEAR! Three prizes will be awarded for each category (Ruminant and Monogastric).**

If selected, you will:

- **Present your poster** during the Graduate Student Poster Exhibition at ANCC 2027
- Have your written abstract **published in the conference Book of Abstracts** and online Proceedings
- **Have the opportunity to win** one of the three prizes awarded in each category (Ruminant and Monogastric) :
  - First prize - $600
  - Second prize - $400
  - Third prize - $300

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Please note:

- **Posters (1 m wide by 1.2 m high)** will be available for public viewing throughout the conference.
- You are expected to be present on the evening of **Thursday, April 29**, during which time judges will visit the posters.
- Posters will be judged by a panel of experts from industry and academia.
- Winners will be announced on **April 30.**
- Poster judging criteria will be shared by **March 19, 2027.**

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Abstract guidelines and judging criteria for oral presentations and poster competitions

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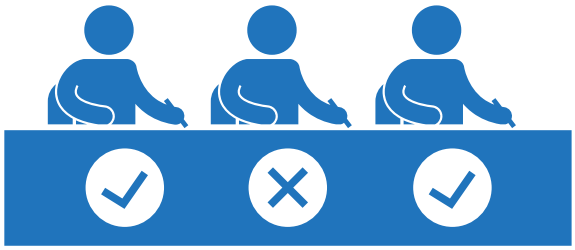
Written and video abstracts will be evaluated by a panel of academic and industry experts. For further details, visit the ANCC Graduate Student webpage or email info@anacan.org.

Written abstract

- should contain detailed information about your research methodology and results

Judging criteria

1. Informative, understandable and concise (250 words maximum)
   a) Introduction/background, hypothesis and research objectives (10%)
   b) Methodology clearly outlined (10%)
   c) Clarity of data presentation/results (10%)
   d) Appropriate conclusions (5%)
2. Practical implication and industry benefit (15%)



Video abstract

- should communicate the broader motivation behind your work, as well as its practical implications and industry benefits (e.g. similar approach to the '3-minute thesis').
- be creative and incorporate innovative and engaging techniques (e.g. multi-media, animations, unique presentation concept, etc.) within your video abstracts.

For an example of a successful video abstract, **watch oral presentation competition (monogastric session) winner Ashley Kok's video abstract** from the 2026 ANCC.

Judging criteria

1. Informative, understandable and concise (3 minutes maximum) (25%)
   a) Project rationale
   b) Scientific question and research approach
   c) Practical implications and industry benefit
2. Depth / Innovation of research (10%)
3. Creative presentation (15%)
   a) Unique/innovative presentation style
   b) Visual cues/use of multi-media
   c) Engaging presentation
   d) Appropriate for industry/academic audience

Please note:

For **oral competition**, relevance to conference theme (Data to Diet: The Next Revolution in Animal Nutrition) will be an additional consideration.

For **poster competition**, the final score will also include a live poster evaluation conducted on April 29, which will represent 50% of the total score.

Up-and-Coming Research Mini Presentations





This new presentation category is **intended for early-stage graduate students (both master's and PhD level) who do not yet have research results** to showcase their project motivation and the benefit their work will have for industry.

If selected, you will:

- **Deliver a 10-minute presentation** (5-minute presentation + 5 minutes for questions).
- Have your **name and presentation title printed in the conference Book of Abstracts** and online Proceedings.

Please note:

- Presentations will be delivered on **April 30.**

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Requirements:

Submit an online application* **by February 22, 2027** with the following:

- [ ] Name, contact information and program of study
- [ ] Brief written project summary
- [ ] Letter of recommendation from your academic department or supervisor

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Judging guidelines and criteria

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All applicants will have their project summary video displayed online on the conference website, making your research accessible for the broader industry to see and learn about your work.

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Up-and-Coming research mini presentation guidelines and judging criteria

Applicants must submit a brief project summary in both written and video formats. Both components will be evaluated by a panel of academic and industry experts and will be weighted equally in the overall score. For further details, visit the ANCC Graduate Student webpage or email info@anacan.org.

Judging Criteria

Written project summary

- Maximum 250 words
- Provides detailed information about your research rationale, objectives, and methodology

Criteria:

1. Informative, understandable and concise (70%)
    - Introduction/background, hypothesis, and research objectives
    - Methodology clearly outlined
2. Practical implication and industry benefit (30%)

The written project summary should describe:

- Project rationale
- Scientific question and research approach
- Practical implications and industry benefit



The 2027 ANCC Planning Committee is looking forward to your participation in this dynamic national event!