

Student Best Paper Awards Procedures and Criteria:

1. All graduate students who are first author and/or presenter on an accepted abstract submission, where both the first author and presenter at the time of submission are students, are automatically eligible for consideration for these awards.
2. Abstract submissions after the deadline are not eligible.
3. All abstract submissions are assigned an initial score by Conference reviewers. Student abstract submissions are ranked by their initial review scores.
4. Those scoring in the top 16 are selected for a second review.
5. An international panel of rankers not affiliated with the semi-finalists or previous reviewers score and rank the eligible abstracts according to eight criteria related to the scientific content and clarity of the abstracts.
6. From this panel's ranking, the top eight finalists are selected for oral presentation at a special session of the 8th International Tissue Elasticity Conference. No shows are automatically disqualified.
7. At the conclusion of each presentation, independent judges assign a score based on:
 - Clarity of presentation
 - Scientific quality of results
 - Importance, scope and appropriateness of conclusions
8. Final score is an average of the ranked score and the presentation score.
In case of a tie, the prize will be divided among those whose scores are tied.
In case the first author and presenter are different students, the prize will be divided between them.
Decision of the judges is final.

First, second and third prizes and certificates will be awarded to the presentations receiving the three highest scores at the Conference Dinner on Tuesday night.

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