

Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS)

2021 STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER AWARDS

DEADLINE: February 21, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

To encourage participation by undergraduate and graduate students and to recognize scholarly excellence, the AFHVS invites submissions to the **2021 AFHVS Student Research Paper Awards**. Awards will be given in two categories: graduate and undergraduate.

An eligible AFHVS paper in the **graduate student category** must meet the following requirements: 1) be sole-authored by a student or co-authored by two students; 2) be on a topic related to food or agriculture; 3) employ appropriate research methods and theories; and 4) be an original piece of research. It is expected that the winning graduate student serve on the AFHVS student research paper awards committee the following year.

An eligible AFHVS paper in the **undergraduate student category** must meet the following requirements: 1) be sole-authored by a student or co-authored by two students; 2) be on a topic related to food or agriculture; and 3) employ appropriate research methods and theories.

The Student Paper Awards competition opens when the Call for Papers is issued by the Society. Final versions of the papers must be submitted to the student paper award committee by **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Sunday, February 21, 2021**. Soon-to-be-graduating students must be students at the time of submission in order to be eligible. A paper submitted to the AFHVS paper competition may *not* also be submitted to the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) student paper competition. Published papers or papers that have benefited from formal peer review (through a journal) are not eligible; however, those under review are eligible. **Papers should be no longer than 20 pages of double-spaced text** in 11- or 12-point font with one-inch margins (data tables, bibliography, and notes may be additional).

Winners are expected to present their paper at the 2021 AFHVS/ASFS/CAFS/SAFN virtual conference, and a space in a panel is guaranteed. Each award includes:

1. The opportunity to present at the 2021 virtual conference;
2. Free registration to the 2021 virtual conference;
3. A two-year membership in the Society;
4. \$300 cash prize (not available to students that are not U.S. citizens, due to IRS restrictions).

The committee may also choose to award honorable mentions, which do not include the monetary items.

Papers submitted to AFHVS should be emailed to Student Paper Awards chair Megan Horst (spa-chair@afhvs.org) with the following information included in the body of the email:

1. Paper title
2. Full name

3. Full postal address
4. E-mail address
5. Academic affiliation
6. Student status (i.e., undergraduate or graduate)
7. An abstract of the paper
8. A statement that the paper is not published, has not received formal peer review, and was not also submitted for the ASFS student paper award
9. The name & e-mail address of the faculty member or other academic supervisor who has been asked to verify eligibility.
10. Attach to the e-mail message the complete paper in MS Word, PDF, or RTF format.

Evaluation: The AFHVS Student Paper Award Committee will judge contributed papers on the requirements outlined above, relevance to the interests of AFHVS (see details below), and their scholarly excellence, including quality of original research, methods, analytical tools, rhetorical quality, and flow (see detailed rubrics below). The committee will select up to one undergraduate student and one graduate student to receive awards. Notification of awards will be made by the end of March, 2021.

Opportunity for Publication: Based on the recommendation of the Student Research Paper Award Committee, the winning graduate student paper may be forwarded to the journal of *Agriculture and Human Values* for review for possible publication. Note that papers submitted for the student paper competition do not have a particular required format. To be submitted for publication, however, papers will need to be formatted as specified by the journal.

Topics of interest to AFHVS: AFHVS is dedicated to an open and free discussion of the values that shape and the structures that underlie current and alternative visions of food and agricultural systems. The Society is most interested in interdisciplinary research that critically examines the values, relationships, conflicts, and contradictions within contemporary agricultural and food systems and that addresses the impact of agricultural and food related institutions, policies, and practices on human populations, the environment, democratic governance, and social equity. In 2021, we will particularly be seeking papers that address, in some way, racial and other social justice as it relates to food systems.

Recent award-winning student paper titles include: “Growing British India: The Colonial Biopolitics of the Potato”; “ ‘I Like Carrots but the Carrots at this School Are Just ...’: Influences on students’ produce consumption in the National School Lunch Program”; “Problems with the defetishization thesis: The case of a farmer’s market”; “The rise of local organic food systems in the US: An analysis of farmers’ markets.”

For more information, please visit the websites below.

- Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society: <https://afhvs.wildapricot.org/>
- *Agriculture and Human Values*: <http://link.springer.com/journal/10460>

Checklist for paper submissions. Papers not meeting these criteria will not be considered:

BASIC REQUIREMENTS	Y/N/?
1. Sole-authored, or co-authored by two students?	
2. Employs appropriate methods and theories?	
3. Presents original research? (graduate students only)	
4. Length is 20 pages of text or less? (excluding tables, figures, notes, bibliography)	
5. Double-spaced, with appropriate font and formatting?	
6. Submission (and accompanying email message) includes all required information in Call for Papers?	
7. Document is in Word, PDF, or RTF format?	