ANNUAL MANUSCRIPT COMPETITION GUIDELINES

The competition is designed to recognize and promote scholarship and research related to the welfare and diseases of animals. There are two categories:

- basic research
- clinical research

The national Phi Zeta award for each category includes a plaque and $1,000. The University of Tennessee Phi Chapter of the Society of Phi Zeta is entitled to submit one article in each category to compete for the national awards.

To submit a manuscript for the University of Tennessee competition:

1. State which category (basic research or clinical research) your manuscript belongs to (see definition below).
2. The entrant does NOT have to be a Phi Zeta member.
3. The entrant must be a veterinarian involved in a graduate or research program within the past 2 years. Current residents or residents that have finished their residencies within the past 2 years are welcome to participate.
4. The entrant must be the first author.
5. The paper must have been already published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. If not yet published, the submission must include a verifying letter from the journal.

Clinical Research: Research that is patient-oriented and thus involves animals (or tissues of animal origin), but not tissues that cannot be linked to a living animal (e.g., in vitro studies). Such research includes clinical trials, epidemiologic studies, studies that focus on mechanisms of disease, and studies that focus on a diagnostic or therapeutic intervention.

The selection committee chooses one submission in each category to participate in the national competition. We will also recognize the winners at the UTCVM Honors Convocation Banquet on April.