

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 of clinical research 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 two years. Current residents or residents who have finished their residencies within the past two 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 the paper has not been published yet, then 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 diseases, 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 in April.

