Trainees can compete to present platform talks at the Translational Pain Research Symposium. Three graduate students and three postdoctoral fellows will be selected to make brief (11 min) slide presentations to the entire symposium audience. Awardees will be selected on the basis of the scientific quality of the abstracts plus a very brief statement from the trainee's mentor assessing the merit of the work and the ability of the trainee to deliver effective oral presentations. The submission procedure is identical to that for posters except for the addition of an emailed statement from the mentor and an earlier deadline (March 22, 2018). Trainees giving talks are encouraged but not required to present a poster in addition to the Distinguished Trainee talk. Abstracts not selected for the Trainee Award Talks will be presented as posters. Trainees submitting abstracts for a Distinguished Trainee Talk do not need to submit another abstract for poster presentation.


The best graduate student and best postdoctoral fellow presentations will each be recognized by a modest cash prize. In addition, the best graduate student and best postdoctoral fellow poster presentations will also be recognized by prizes.

How to Submit
Please have the abstract and mentor's statement emailed to Dawn Koob (dawnkoob@rice.edu) no later than Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 5 pm. The abstract should conform to the instructions listed below. Trainee award speakers will be announced Wednesday, March 28. See the Call for Poster Abstracts for additional information about poster presentations.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts
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1. The allotted space for an abstract is one page (8.5 x 11) with 1-inch margins.
2. Please write your abstract following guidelines shown in the sample abstract (see below or attached). When you complete the abstract, save it in the name of the presenting author. (ie. LastName_FirstName_TPR.doc)
3. Abstracts should be submitted in Microsoft Word.
4. Confirmation of receipt of abstract will be sent to the presenting author by e-mail. If the presenting author is not the person submitting the abstract, please indicate in the body of the email.
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The body of abstract should contain separate sections with the following section titles: Background, Hypothesis/Goals, Methods, Results, Conclusions, Acknowledgements (section titles in bold text). The text should be in English, typed with single line spacing, using 11 pt. Times, Times New Roman, or Symbol font for α, β, μ, etc. Paragraphs should be left justified, no indentation and a line space included between paragraphs. Black and white tables, illustrations and photographs may be digitized and pasted within the space. Underlining/Italic type may be used to stress words or phrases. Funding sources, particularly training grants should be included in the Acknowledgements section.

Don’t forget to have a brief statement sent from your current mentor assessing the merit of your work and your ability to deliver effective oral presentations.