

## ***2017 SouthEastern Environmental Conference – Student Presentation Contest***

The 2017 SouthEastern Environmental Conference (SEEC) is a forum where experts in the environmental field come together to focus on broad challenges including energy, resource conservation, waste reduction, regulatory compliance, sustainability practices, management and process improvement. This two and a half day conference will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. This year we will be providing an opportunity for college students to present their research projects and internship experiences during a Monday evening (4 pm to 6 pm) Student Reception. This 2-hour networking event will be a valuable opportunity for anyone who is considering entering into an environmental management or engineering career as students will have the chance to have face-to-face discussions with potential employers and/or colleagues.

Monetary awards will be available to the top three student presentations (\$1,000, \$750, and \$500 respectively). Please submit the student presentation call for abstracts form to Michael Rasbury at [mrasbury@ccs.ua.edu](mailto:mrasbury@ccs.ua.edu) by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 if you wish to present at this event. Your abstract should be limited to no more than 250 words. Presentations will be judged in 3-parts (Title and Abstract, YouTube Video and Poster Presentation) by a pre-selected judging panel. For guidelines on the presentation format and judging criteria please see below:

### *YouTube Video Presentation*

1. Students will prepare a 5-minute video clip, which summarizes their project/ internship experience.
2. This video clip will then need to be posted on YouTube by the student.
3. A link to the video clip should be submitted to [mrasbury@ccs.ua.edu](mailto:mrasbury@ccs.ua.edu) before the September 29, 2017 deadline, in order to be considered for the award prizes.
4. This video presentation will be judged prior to the conference reception and will count as the 1st part of the total judging process.
5. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Clarity of introduction and articulation of objectives
  - b. Explanation of methodology
  - c. Use of graphics and overall visual appeal
  - d. Correct use of grammar and terminology
  - e. Conclusion statements

### *Poster Presentation*

1. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the judging process, students will prepare a poster presentation that will be on display in the ballroom on Monday evening for the student reception.
2. An 8 ft table will be provided for each display.
3. Design and print a 36” high by 48” wide poster presentation.
4. The poster presentation should be self-supporting (a hanging mechanism **will not** be provided).

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5. The poster should be formatted with the following sections: Title, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusions and Future Work.
6. Your title should be appropriate for a general audience; make it interesting and informative.
7. The abstract should be limited to no more than 250 words.
8. Textual explanations should be kept to a minimum. Don't overwhelm with information.
9. Decide on a small number of key points that you want your judges to take away from your presentation, and you will need to articulate those ideas clearly and concisely.
10. Make text readable from a distance of two meters (use 18-24 point fonts). Don't make text smaller in order to fit more onto the poster.
11. Use 1.5- or double-spacing to make the text easier to read.
12. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Abstract and title (creativity, clarity, concise summary, writing style, etc..)
  - b. Poster design (visual aspects, organization, understandable, etc..)
  - c. Project achievement (difficulty of project, student's contribution, significance of results, etc..)

### ***Registration Information***

Register for this event online at [SEEC.ua.edu](http://SEEC.ua.edu). The student registration fee for this event is \$50 and the hotel room will be provided by the University of Alabama for Monday night only. Please call Beth Gaines at (205) 348-8564 to make your arrangements. If you wish to stay on Sunday or Tuesday night, the hotel rate at the Perdido Beach Resort for the conference is \$129/night plus 11% tax. Students are encouraged to seek financial assistance for travel from their respective college programs, student government associations, and professional societies/ member groups to cover this cost. Once your registration is confirmed you will receive a group number to get the discounted hotel rate. When you receive the group number, you may call the hotel toll free 800-634-8001 to make your lodging reservation. Reservations are available online by going to [www.perdidobeachresort.com](http://www.perdidobeachresort.com) and following the instructions given on your confirmation letter.

Please note: Deadline for reservations within the reserved room block is September 27, 2017. Rooms are limited, so complete your exhibit registration as soon as possible to receive the group rate. After September 27, 2017, requests are based on availability and conference room rate cannot be guaranteed.