

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENTS IN AGRIBUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS!!!

PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 AGRICULTURAL & APPLIED ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION AEM/GRADUATE STUDENT SECTION CASE STUDY COMPETITION (VIRTUAL)

The Agribusiness Economics and Management/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition allows graduate students to test their communication skills and their ability to apply their knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness subjects to practical situations. Students competing in the competition will receive a copy of the case study at least three weeks in advance of the competition.

Competition Rules: Each team should prepare an oral summary of their solution to the case that will last no more than 15 minutes. The presentation should be recorded and submitted in advance for evaluation. Presentations lasting over 15 minutes will be penalized. Teams will meet the judges (virtually) and should be prepared to answer questions from the evaluators on their interpretation of the case.

Teams can be comprised of up to three graduate students. Students may either compete as a team from the same school, or may choose to be mixed with students from other schools. If there is only one student from a school that wants to participate, the student can compete on his/her own or he/she can be matched with other students. In the case of teams that are matched with individuals from different universities, competitors will be notified of their teammates as soon as possible, but no later than the same day the case is announced.

Competition Prizes: The top three teams will receive plaques and cash prizes.

- **First Place:** \$300
- **Second Place:** \$200
- **Third Place:** \$100

Specific Information for the 2020 Case Study Competition (Virtual): The number of rounds will be determined by the number of teams entered. The final round will be composed of the top 4 teams. In addition to plaques and cash prizes, the three finalist teams will also be recognized in the AAEA Website.

- Saturday, September 12, **8:00am – 2:00pm (Central time):** First Round of Competitions
- Saturday, September 12, **2:30pm – 5:00pm (Central time):** Final Round (if needed)

This is an AAEA- AEM/ GSS sponsored competition. Students are highly encouraged as early professionals to be part of AAEA (there is a special student rate) and the GSS and/or the AEM sections.

1. At least one team member should have an active AAEA membership for 2020 and be officially a member of the AEM or GSS.
2. Each team must also complete the Case Study registration form identifying their teammates and send it to AAEA no later than **August 6**.

Please direct any questions regarding the **2020 AAEA Case Study Competition** to Dr. Timothy Woods (tim.woods@uky.edu) or Carlos Fontanilla (cfontani@purdue.edu)