

**Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS)**  
**2024 STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER AWARDS**  
**DEADLINE: February 15, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. PST**

To encourage participation by undergraduate and graduate students and to recognize scholarly excellence, the [Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society](#) (AFHVS) invites submissions for the **2024 AFHVS Student Research Paper Awards**. To be eligible, submissions must be received no later than **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Thursday, February 15, 2024**. Please contact the committee chair, Jennifer Gaddis ([spa-chair@afhvs.org](mailto:spa-chair@afhvs.org)), with any questions regarding the AFHVS Student Research Paper Award.

**What does the award include?**

Winners are expected to present their paper at the [AFHVS conference](#) within **two years** of winning the award, and a space in a panel is guaranteed. The winning graduate student (or one of the winning students) is also expected to serve on the AFHVS Student Paper Awards Committee the following year.

Each award includes:

- The opportunity to present at this year's or next year's conference.
- Registration reimbursement for this year's or next year's conference.
- A ticket to the evening program/banquet event at the conference.
- Formal recognition at the conference and on the AFHVS website as an award winner.
- A two-year AFHVS membership.
- \$300 cash prize (US citizens only; international students may be eligible for limited conference travel reimbursement).
- Based on the recommendation of the Student Research Paper Award Committee, the winning graduate student paper may be forwarded to the journal of [Agriculture and Human Values](#) for review for possible publication. Note that papers submitted for the student paper competition do not have a particular required format. To be submitted for publication, however, papers will need to be formatted as specified by the journal.

In the case that there are two or more authors, the authors may split the cash prize and AFHVS would provide free registration, tickets to the award ceremony, and society membership for up to two student authors. The committee may also choose to award honorable mentions, which include the opportunity to present at the AFHVS conference, formal recognition as an award winner, and a possible recommendation for review in *Agriculture and Human Values*.

**What are the paper eligibility requirements?**

- A paper submitted to the AFHVS paper competition may not also be submitted to the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) student paper competition.
- Current graduate/undergraduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after May 2023) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student.
- Papers published or accepted for publication at the time of submission are not eligible; however, those under review for the first time are eligible.

- Papers co-authored with faculty are not acceptable.

An eligible AFHVS paper in the **graduate student category** must meet the following requirements: 1) be written by one or more students (only papers written by students) *or* be written by a graduate student (the lead author) and community partners; 2) be on a topic related to food or agriculture; 3) rigorously apply methods and theories to answer their research question; 4) be an original piece of research and not a literature review or other synthesis without novel data or analysis contributed by the student; and 5) be no longer than 20 pages of double-spaced text, 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins (this page limit does not include data tables, bibliography, and notes).

An eligible AFHVS paper in the **undergraduate student category** must meet the following requirements: 1) be written by one or more students (only papers written by students) *or* be written by an undergraduate student (the lead author) and community partners; 2) be on a topic related to food or agriculture; 3) apply methods and theories to answer their research question; and 4) be no longer than 20 pages of double-spaced text, 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins (this page limit not including data tables, bibliography, and notes). Note that we do not expect undergraduate students to use original data, but competitive papers will incorporate original insight or analysis. In addition, we welcome undergraduate student papers of shorter lengths (e.g., 5-10 pages that conform to the guidelines listed above).

### **What topics are most relevant to the AFHVS Student Research Paper Award?**

AFHVS is dedicated to an open and free discussion of the values that shape and the structures that underlie current and alternative visions of food and agricultural systems. The Society is most interested in interdisciplinary research that critically examines the values, relationships, conflicts, and contradictions within contemporary agricultural and food systems and that addresses the impact of agricultural and food related institutions, policies, and practices on human populations, the environment, democratic governance, and social equity. Recent award-winning graduate student paper titles include:

- 'Outsiders Within' the Urban Farm: An Intersectional Analysis of Black Women's Experiences with Agriculture in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (USA),
- "Food Justice And Farmers' Networks: An Examination of Coalition Building Among Women Growers Across The Rural-Urban Divide"
- "Hunger Strikes and Differential Consciousness: Impure Contestation, Hunger, and the Building of Symbolic Futures"
- "Imperfect Solutions: The Use of Agrarian Ideals in 'Ugly Produce' Marketing"
- "Growing British India: The Colonial Biopolitics of the Potato"
- "'I Like Carrots but the Carrots at this School Are Just ...': Influences on students' produce consumption in the National School Lunch Program"

### **How are the student research papers evaluated?**

The AFHVS Student Paper Award Committee will judge contributed papers on the requirements outlined above, relevance to the interests of AFHVS, and their scholarly excellence, including research quality, originality, methods, analytical tools, rhetorical quality, and flow.

**When are awardees notified?**

The committee will select up to one undergraduate student paper and one graduate student paper to receive awards. Notification of awards will be made by **March 15, 2024.**

**How do I submit my paper?**

Papers submitted to AFHVS should be emailed to Student Paper Awards chair Dr. Jennifer Gaddis ([spa-chair@afhvs.org](mailto:spa-chair@afhvs.org)) using the subject “2024 AFHVS Student Research Paper Award submission.” Attach your paper to the email as either an MS Word or PDF file and include the following information in the body of the email:

1. Paper title
2. Full name
3. Full postal address
4. E-mail address
5. Academic affiliation and program
6. Student status (i.e., undergraduate or graduate)
7. An abstract of the paper
8. A statement that the paper is not published, has not received formal peer review, and was not also submitted for the ASFS student paper award
9. Name and e-mail address of the faculty member or other academic supervisor who has been asked to verify your eligibility for this student paper competition.

**Before submitting, use this checklist to ensure your paper meets the basic criteria.**

<b>BASIC REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>Y/N/?</b>
1. Sole-authored <i>or</i> co-authored by one or more students <i>or</i> student is lead author and co-authors are community partners	
2. Paper must not yet be published or accepted for publication at the time of submission. It can, however, be under review for the first time.	
3. Rigorously applies methods and theories to answer their research questions	
4. Original research (graduate students only)	
5. Maximum 20 pages of text or less (excluding tables, figures, notes, bibliography), but undergraduate student papers may be of significantly shorter length (e.g., 5-10 pages)	
6. Double-spaced with 1-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman font	
7. Submission (and accompanying email message) includes all required information in the call for papers	
8. Document is in MS Word or PDF format	