



17th Postgraduate Symposium

The 17th Royal Society of Western Australia Postgraduate Symposium was held on Saturday 10th October 2015 at the Robertson Lecture Theatre of Murdoch University. This multi-discipline science symposium provides an opportunity for postgraduate students to present their work in a public forum and network with other postgraduates from different disciplines and institutions. Postgraduate students in agriculture, natural sciences, earth and environmental sciences, physical sciences, biology and environmental engineering were invited to present the findings of their research as oral presentations or as posters. Honours students were invited to present posters.

During the course of a full day, there were 15 oral presentations and 10 poster presentations. All were of a high standard. Congratulations to all those who participated. The judges, Professor Bill Loneragan and Professor Patrick Armstrong, had a challenging task in awarding prizes to the following:-

Oral Presentation Prizes

Presentation Winner - \$200

Ryan Urquhart - Curtin University

Exploring the fastest feeding black holes in the Universe

Presentation Runner up - \$100

Silvee Sharmin - Murdoch University

RNA interference of neuronal signalling molecules: an ecofriendly weapon to control green peach aphids

Poster Presentation Prizes

Poster Winner - \$100

Nandita Roy - Murdoch University

Poster for 'Integration of 1Sx2.3 and 1Sy16 high molecular weight glutenin subunits into Australian wheat cultivars from Aegilops Longissimi'

Poster Winner - \$100

Kimberly Loh - Murdoch University

Poster for 'Investigation and characterisation of tick-borne pathogens in Australian wildlife ticks (Acari: Ixodidae)'