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| **American Society for Microbiology, Maryland Branch Ltd.**  **Annual Poster Session, Awards**  **& Student Oral Presentations** |

**Dinner Meeting / Poster Session Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022**

**Deadline for Abstracts for Brown Outstanding Student Awards**

**Consideration: 5 PM Friday, May 27, 2022**

**Deadline for Other Abstracts: 5 PM Friday, June 3, 2022**

**Deadline for RSVP to Dinner: 5 PM Friday, June 3, 2022**

**June 7th Meeting Agenda:**

* 5:30-6:00 **Registration and Poster Set-up**
* 6:00-7:15 **Poster session with pizza, salad & beverages**
* 7:15-7:30 **Business Meeting:**
  + - * Results on online election of new Branch officers
      * Winners of the J. Howard Brown Awards announced
* 7:30-8:00 **Undergraduate Oral Presentation**
* 8:00-8:30 **Graduate Oral Presentation**

**Location:**  UM BioPark Life Sciences Conference Center

801 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

**Directions :**

[https ://www.google.com/maps/dir//University+of+Maryland+BioPark,+801+West+Baltimore+Street,+Baltimore,+MD+21201/](https://www.google.com/maps/dir//University+of+Maryland+BioPark,+801+West+Baltimore+Street,+Baltimore,+MD+21201/)

**Parking:** <http://www.umbiopark.com/properties/biopark-life-sciences-conference-center>

**At this time, masking of all individuals in indoor spaces is strongly recommended by the UMB campus. We will update you as the meeting approaches and the Covid-19 situation becomes clearer. Please note that social distancing will not be possible at the event.**

**PLEASE RSVP FOR ATTENDANCE BY 5 PM Friday, June 3, 2022**

Sign up at: <https://www.asmmdbranch.com/2022-06-07-award-seminar> - Click on the PayPal button to register and pay.

*or* RSVP to [asmmaryland@gmail.com](mailto:asmmaryland@gmail.com) and indicate payment will be made:

* By a personal check presented at the meeting, *or*
* Cash in exact change presented at the meeting

ASM Maryland Branch Members: $10

Non-members: $15

Students: $5

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**Call for Abstracts and the J. Howard Brown Awards**

**J. Howard Brown Award for** outstanding graduate student: $200

First runner-up: $100

Second runner-up: $50

**J. Howard Brown Award for** outstanding undergraduate student: $200

First runner-up: $100

Second runner-up: $50

***Brown Award winners also receive a one-year national ASM membership***

The **J. Howard Brown Award** is presented to an outstanding graduate and an outstanding undergraduate student who make contributions worthy of recognition in the field of microbiology. The award was established in memory of J. Howard Brown in 1954. You may submit abstracts already shown at other conferences, or that will be shown at ASM Microbe 2022. Brown award winners will be notified ahead of the meeting so they may prepare an oral presentation of their winning study.

Please note: **All students***, regardless of ASM membership, are encouraged to submit abstracts for the award.* **Non-students***, also regardless of ASM membership status, are also encouraged to submit abstracts for approval to present posters.*

Share your research at our annual poster presentation. Join your colleagues for an evening of scientific discussions and presentations by students and members.

**Abstract Submission Process for all Abstracts:**

1. Instructions for eligibility and abstract and poster formats are on the branch website: <https://www.asmmdbranch.com/_files/ugd/cb09ab_e5d9c8cd13054d9189a365a68e7bba9f.pdf>
2. The submission form below is filled out by one of the abstract authors and deposited in the Abstract Submission Dropbox™ folder at <https://www.dropbox.com/request/MZh6FVE6l0l2hwFep2xS>
   * *by 5:00 pm Friday May 27, 2022 for Brown award-eligible abstracts*
   * *by 5:00 pm Friday June 3, 2022 for other (Brown-ineligible) abstracts*.
3. Name your submission file ‘2022-Undergrad-LastName’, ‘2022-Grad-LastName’, or ‘2022-Brown-ineligible-LastName”. Example: 2022-Grad-Smith.
4. The Branch Board of Directors selects the Brown awardees and notifies the six winners by 9:00 PM Friday, June 3.
5. The 1st-place winners prepare slide decks for their talks on Tuesday, June 7.
6. After the poster session and pizza on June 7, the event will move to the BioPark lecture hall for a brief Branch business meeting including the announcement of Brown award-winners followed by the 1st-place Outstanding Graduate Student awardee’s presentation and then the 1st-place Outstanding Undergraduate Student awardee’s presentation.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM**

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**Presenter is (check one if applicable, only for Brown award eligibility):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Student (or graduated no earlier than Dec. 2021)

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student (or graduated no earlier than Dec. 2021)

*Please follow the Abstract & Poster Guidelines available on the Branch website at*

[ <https://www.asmmdbranch.com/_files/ugd/cb09ab_e5d9c8cd13054d9189a365a68e7bba9f.pdf> ]

**ABSTRACT**

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**RESULTS**

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**CONCLUSION**

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