2023 ASPET Guppy Tank Translational Science Pitch Competition

The “Guppy Tank” competition will showcase translational science pitches from four ASPET trainees who will be coached by mentors with established experience in the biotech, pharma, and entrepreneurship realms. In addition, the Guppy Tank event will feature a keynote discussion with Dr. Trivia Frazier, President and CEO of Obatala Sciences. Dr. Frazier will highlight the importance of a translational vision to scientific innovations and effective strategies for a successful science pitch. This session will be an exciting and essential educational opportunity for young scientists to hone their translational scientific communication skills while getting publicly recognized for their talents.

Who can participate?

Any ASPET member who is a graduate/postdoctoral researcher working on a translational scientific project.

A translational project can be based on data generated from in vitro, ex vivo tissue or in vivo experiments or incorporating AI/computational/in silico/data sciences. This research identifies a therapeutic target or platform likely to, or with the potential to, translate to human physiology and prevent, reverse, or treat disease pathology.

Why participate?

Participate to be one of the four finalists and:

1) Receive a discounted registration rate to the ASPET 2023 Annual Meeting ($100 for postdocs, $25 for grad students).
2) Receive up to two nights complimentary hotel accommodation in the official ASPET hotel block.
3) Receive one-on-one coaching from industry-level experts to build your final pitch.
4) Present your innovation to a live audience at ASPET meeting and receive constructive feedback from an elite panel of judges.
5) Connect with the industry network and increase your visibility!
6) Engage in a one-on-one post-conference advisory meeting with a senior scientific leader to get career development advice and feedback on the technology pitched at the competition.
7) Be recognized as the best pitch award winner and brand your research in a special article published in The Pharmacologist quarterly magazine.

How can you participate?

Please use the link, www.aspet.org/guppytank2023, to fill out the application by January 6, 2023. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Khalid Garman or Saranya Radhakrishnan.