

AOAC SEA's Training of Young Scientists Working Group

The objective of the Training of Young Scientists Working Group (ToYS WG) is to establish programs across Southeast Asia countries to develop, train, encourage, support, and recognize young scientists.

Since its inception, the group has made meaningful strides in nurturing emerging talent. In 2022, we awarded three Student Awards and one Student Travel Award to students actively engaged in the field. In 2023, twelve students from seven countries received Travel Awards to participate in the poster competition at the AOAC SEA Annual Conference in Vietnam, with three of them earning the Best Student Poster Award. Building on that momentum, the 2024 edition recognized six outstanding students, who were given the opportunity to present their work at the prestigious AOAC SEA Annual Conference.

5 programs of ToYS WG:

- Student Awards
- Student Lab Tours
- University Engagement
- Online Forum Discussion
- · Trainings and Development

OVERVIEW

AOAC SEA is excited to announce the **2025 Student Award Competition!** Award winners will be recognized at the prestigious **AOAC SEA 4th Annual Conference**, taking place on 28-29 October 2025 at the Berkeley Hotel Pratunam in Bangkok, Thailand. In addition to receiving this honor, selected students will also have the opportunity to contribute as volunteers and be considered as emerging leaders within the AOAC SEA community.

RESEARCH TOPICS

As the conference theme is *Advancing Food Safety and Quality: Innovation, Standards, and Collaboration*, works submitted should be among the various areas of food safety, food quality, and analytical science such as:

- Adulteration
- Contamination
- Microbiology
- Ingredients
- Bioactive substances
- Genetic modification
- Alternative proteins

Studies with relations to toxicity on human health or environment, with implications on trade, are also welcome.



2025 AOAC SEA **STUDENT AWARDS**

2025 AOAC SEA 4th Annual Conference

Advancing Food Safety and Quality: Innovation, Standards, and Collaboration





The AOAC SEA Student Awards Program offers young scientists the chance to gain recognition, receive financial support, and present their work at the AOAC SEA Annual Conference. Winners will be acknowledged through AOAC SEA's newsletters and social media. The 2025 program will offer benefits comparable to previous years - details and past highlights can be found on the AOAC SEA website and social media channels.

2025 STUDENT AWARDS

- Cash awards presented at the conference, along with the opportunity to deliver an oral presentation
- E-certificate issued by the AOAC SEA Section
- Formal recognition featured on the AOAC SEA Section communication channels
- (Optional) Chance to volunteer with the Training of Young Scientists Working Group and grow as an emerging leader in the community

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications of the applicant:

- Applicant must be enrolled as a student (undergraduate or postgraduate or equivalent) at a tertiary education institution from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste, Thailand or Vietnam.
- Research topic must be among the ones listed on the front page.
- To celebrate the conference theme Advancing
 Food Safety and Quality: Innovation, Standards,
 and Collaboration, we encourage applicant to
 submit work done as collaboration with
 government, industry, or a different academia
 institution.

TIMELINE



If you have questions, please write to secretary@aoac-sea.org

SUBMISSION PACKAGE

Applicants are required to submit:

- An abstract of not more than 300 words, including the objective, methodology, results & discussion, conclusion and impact of research (Please see the Application Form for the abstract template).
- Supporting documents (eg: Student Identification Card, publications if any, or other related documents).
- Proof of registration as Student Member of AOAC SEA (<u>Registration is free</u>).

Please <u>submit your Application Form here</u>.

