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Centre of Agricultural Sciences

31. Semester-Touchdown of Agricultural Sciences

January 26, 2027

Deadline abstracts:

December 4, 2026

Have you written a noteworthy thesis in **AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES** that you would like to present to a broad professional audience (as a lecture or poster)?

Then submit an abstract of your bachelor thesis, master thesis or dissertation to **BOKU CAS**: cas@boku.ac.at by **December 4, 2026!**

The abstract must include the following:

- Title
- Problem/question/objective
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusions
- and: Supervisors, study, category (bachelor thesis/master thesis/dissertation).

The abstract must be at least 600, but no longer than 900 words! Abstracts that do not meet these requirements or which are not coming from agricultural sciences WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A jury will decide on acceptance as a presentation or as a poster.

The best papers will be awarded! The preliminary evaluation of the abstract, in combination with the evaluation of the presentation by the jury on the day of the touchdown, will decide on the awarding of the prize. In the presentation, emphasis is placed on a comprehensible presentation of the background, methods and results, which also enables the part of the jury and the Touchdown audience that comes from disciplines outside the field to understand the work.

The 1st prize is endowed with an amount of 500€, the 2nd prize with an amount of 400€ and the 3rd prize with an amount of 300€. Poster presentations will also be awarded with cash prizes. The prizes are donated by the Association of Agricultural Graduates, which thus promotes the next generation of agricultural scientists!

Please note the INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA underneath!

We look forward to seeing you!

CAS Team, Agricultural Graduate Student Association and the Agricultural Sciences Student Council

http://www.boku.ac.at/wissenschaftliche-initiativen/zentrum-fuer-agrarwissenschaften/aktivitaeten/semester-touchdowns/

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Criteria for Submission and evaluation

1. Submission:

The submitted study must fall within the **field of agricultural sciences**. The abstract must be a minimum of 600 words and a maximum of 900 words. It must include:

- Title, research question/objective, method, results, conclusions
- Study program, supervisor, "category" (e.g. MA, BA, dissertation).

Abstracts must be submitted meeting the deadline!

2. Evaluation

Evaluation of the abstract

The submitted abstracts will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary expert jury according to a point system from 1 to 6 (6 = highest score).

Evaluation criteria:

(1) **Comprehensibility of the article** (understandable structure, comprehensible chain of thought, clear presentation of the method, meaningful derivations, clear argumentation and discussion).

(2) **Scientific quality** of the methodological approach (appropriateness, state of the art, reference to literature; further development of a methodological approach; scientific gain of knowledge due to the results obtained)

(3) **Social relevance** of the work (social relevance/practical relevance of the topic, solution approaches for real-world problems; innovative potential)

Evaluation of the presentations

The presentations will be evaluated by a selected jury according to a point system from 1 to 6 (6 = highest mark).

Evaluation criteria:

(1) **Composition and structure** of the presentation (consistent presentation of background, objectives, methods, results)

(2) **Comprehensibility** (comprehensibility for a non-specialist audience [understandable language, comprehensible presentations, explanation of technical terms])

(3) Discussion (adequacy of answers to questions posed, defensio of work, flexibility).

→ **For the final determination of the winners of the presentations, both the evaluation results of the abstract evaluation and the results of the evaluation by the jury will be used!**

Poster evaluation

Posters will be evaluated by the general audience by ranking the 3 best posters.

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