

**Please forward this to all Graduate Students who might be interested.**



**Growing the Bioeconomy Conference - October 2-5, 2012 – Banff, AB, Canada**

**Student Abstract Competition**

Graduate Students are invited to submit abstracts for a Poster and Oral Presentation competition in one of four categories related to “Growing the Bioeconomy”:

- Social Implications
- Environmental Implications
- Economic & Policy Implications
- Technology

Of those poster-presenting students, 12 with the best-written abstracts will be selected for the speaking competition. The pre-competition will take place on October 2. Six of these students will win the opportunity to deliver a five-minute presentation to all conference attendees, late morning on October 3, to be adjudicated by a final judging panel.

**Prizes** will be awarded for the best poster in **each** section (\$200) and for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the oral presentations (\$800 & \$400, respectively). Deadline to submit abstracts is **August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Network with other Graduate Students at special social events being held during the Conference, including a Western Barbecue and a night at the Hot Springs.

Attend the **Entrepreneurial Workshop**, being offered exclusively for Graduate Students:

*More and more, scientists are required to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset to determine the impact of their work in any environment they find themselves in. Graduates offer perspectives atypical from a business slant and play a pivotal role in designing solutions to many business and societal problems. This one-day workshop aims to give participants a glimpse of the possibilities they can unlock by framing their research and studies within an entrepreneurial mindset.*

**Travel assistance** is available for Canadian & US students to attend **Growing the Bioeconomy 2012**. Contact your Dean of Agriculture to find out how to apply.

Attend **Growing the Bioeconomy 2012** and join world authorities and decision makers in discussing the most important Social, Environmental, Economic and Policy challenges facing the Bioeconomy.

Visit <http://www.ales.ualberta.ca/Bioeconomy.aspx> for more information, to register, or to submit an abstract this important conference.