



10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on  
Biomathematics and Ecology Education and Research

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Spora: A Journal of Biomathematics are proud to announce

*Outstanding Undergraduate Research  
in  
Biomathematics and Ecology Scholarship and Teaching Prize*

to be awarded at the  
Symposium on BEER-2017.

## Overview:

Three *Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Biomathematics and Ecology Scholarship and Teaching (OUR-BEST) Prizes* will be awarded to undergraduate students pursuing original research, scholarship, or creative work in biology, mathematics, ecology, or related fields under the general guidance of a member of the faculty or other approved mentor.

- First Place Winner
  - Free publication of the submitted work in Spora
  - One year free IBA membership
  - Free hotel accommodations during BEER-2017 stay
- Second Place Winner
  - 50% off APC for the submitted work in Spora
  - One year free IBA membership.
  - 50% reduced hotel accommodations during BEER-2017
- Third Place Winner
  - 25% off APC for the submitted work in Spora
  - One year free IBA membership
  - 25% reduced hotel accommodations during BEER-2017
- All other non-winner OUR-BEST Prize applicant manuscripts, if accepted, will receive 10% off APC for publication of the submitted work in Spora.

To be considered for an OUR-BEST Prize, applicants should:

1. Submit a complete manuscript to Spora by September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.
2. Present the submitted work during BEER-2017 either in the Poster or in the Oral session.
3. Attend the Closing Plenary Talk and Banquet session.

An OUR BEST prize will be awarded on the merit of the applicant's research as judged by OUR-BEST Faculty Reviewers; based both on the applicant's submitted manuscript and conference presentation.

Eligibility:

Submitted manuscripts should be co-authored by student author(s) who are or were undergraduates during the time the project was completed and by at least one faculty mentor. At least 50% of the authors have to be undergraduates. All other Spora Journal requirements have to be met.

Selection Criteria:

A faculty panel formed specifically to judge the OUR-BEST Award submissions will evaluate the manuscripts based on their merits and presentations based on their quality.

Award Dispersal:

The top three winners will be announced during the Closing Plenary Presentation and Banquet. The winners will be presented with OUR-BEST Prize certificates and IBA membership cards. Their hotel expenses will be reimbursed according to the percentages given above as long as they stayed at a conference approved hotel. Conference approved accommodations are listed on the BEER-2017 Accommodations webpage. No other accommodations will be considered.