

## THE NOVA SCOTIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE STUDENT SCIENCE AWARDS 2008-2010

### **Purpose**

To provide an opportunity for students to have their work recognized by a scientific society and to have it considered for publication in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

### **Eligibility**

The competition is open to any student currently enrolled in a degree program at a recognized educational institution.

### **Categories and prizes**

#### ***Undergraduate student***

Three broad categories for competition:

Environmental Sciences	e.g. terrestrial ecology, marine biology atmospheric sciences, earth sciences etc.
Life Sciences	e.g. animal and plant cell biology, medical sciences, biochemistry, physiology etc.
Physical Sciences	e.g. physics, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, computer science etc.

Three undergraduate prizes are available in each of these three categories:

1st prize	\$200 plus one year's membership to NSIS
2nd prize	\$100 plus one year's membership to NSIS
3rd prize	one year's membership to NSIS

#### ***Graduate Student***

Any discipline

Single prize of \$500 plus one year's membership to NSIS

#### ***Scientific Writing***

For an article written by a student in a non-scientific discipline

Subject must be relevant to science in Nova Scotia

Single prize of \$200 plus one year's membership to NSIS

**STUDENT SCIENCE WRITING AWARDS – 2008**

**The 2008 Graduate Student Award Winner was:**

**Joseph A. Poissant**

Department of Biology, Saint Mary's University  
for

“Differentiation of two *Myotis* species (Chiroptera: Vespertilionidae) at Hayes Cave, Nova Scotia, based on echolocation call characteristics”

Note: This paper was revised and co-authored, and is placed amongst the contributed papers of this volume.

**STUDENT SCIENCE WRITING AWARDS – 2009**

**The 2009 Graduate Student Award Winner was:**

**Gregory R.G. Hutton**

School of Information Management, Dalhousie University  
for

“Understanding influence of scientific information in the digital age: A study of the grey literature of a United Nations Advisory Group”

**The 2009 Undergraduate Student Award Winner was:**

**Benjamin Langer**

University of King's College  
for

“The middle ground: Why can't we save nature for nature”

**STUDENT SCIENCE WRITING AWARDS – 2010**

**The 2010 Science Writing Prize was awarded to:**

**Robyn M. Murphy**

School of Physiotherapy, Dalhousie University  
for

“Waiting for a cure: Balancing medicine and quality of life for people living with cancer”