

Annual General Meeting & Conference



Fish, Fur, and Feathers: Science Across Ontario's Ecosystems

March 21st-23rd, 2025

University of Guelph

Join us for our 2025
Annual General Meeting
and Conference at the
University of Guelph!



Keynote Speakers



Keynote speakers this year are Dr. Sarah Alderman (University of Guelph) and Dr. Graham Raby (Trent University).

Dr. Alderman's work is focused on comparative physiology using fish and aquatic organisms as models in response to environmental stressors.

Dr. Raby's work is centred on understanding how variation in behaviour, physiology, and life history strategies influence individuals and populations using fish as a model.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Abstracts for presentations and posters at the 2025 Joint Ontario Chapter of AFS and Ontario Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual General Meeting have been extended to **February 28, 2025**.

There are limited slots available for oral presentations and poster presentations. Papers are solicited for all aquatic resource topics, and on completed studies, preliminary results, or case studies.

Abstracts should be submitted using the following [Google Form](#). If there are issues, please email Ben Hlina (president-elect@afs-oc.org).

STUDENT AWARDS:

Student oral presentations are eligible for the E.J. Crossman Award. For details on eligibility and evaluation, please see: <https://www.afs-oc.org/awards/e-j-crossman-award/>

Student poster presentations are eligible for the Al Dextrase Award. For more details on eligibility, please see: <https://www.afs-oc.org/awards/presidents-award/>

REGISTRATION:

Registration is available through the AFS-OC [Online Store](#). Please also fill out the [Registration Form](#) after payment is made.

NOTE: AFS-OC Members and students are eligible for discounted rates

Accommodations:

We have blocked rooms at a discounted rate at the Delta Hotels Guelph Conference Centre for 235.00 CAD per night. The last day to book at this rate is **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**. [Book your group rate for Ontario Chapter Wildlife Society Conference](#)

TRAVEL BURSARY:

Your AFS-OC Executive Committee and AFS-OC Student Subunit are delighted to announce we will be sponsoring two bursaries for travel and conference-related activities for this year's meeting.

The bursaries offered are:

- Up to \$250 for three Student or Young Professional AFS Ontario Chapter members
- Up to \$350 for one Regular AFS Ontario Chapter member

To apply, please submit via email a brief bio and explanation of how these additional funds could help pay your way to University of Guelph and the Annual Meeting (up to 3-4 paragraphs). All applications will be reviewed by the voting members of the AFS-OC Executive Committee/Student Subunit Executive and awarded based on need.

Please submit your application by email to Erik Tuononen past-president@afs-oc.org by Feb 28, 2025.

For more information, contact:
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To view programs from past meetings, please see:
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