**Guidelines**

***Fill in each section of the online form:***

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***Description of each question are as follows;***

1. Provide full name
2. Provide name of primary institution you are currently working with
3. Provide name of primary supervisor
4. Select one option – Masters/PhD/Post-Doctoral student or young scientist (graduated in last 3 years). If your option is not available, you may not be eligible for this competition
5. Please provide an overview of the most suitable research, relevant to this competition. Consider whether your research;
   1. shares any common themes to the WCGALP sessions (listed below)

and/or

* 1. could be considered under any of ICBF’s strategic goals (listed below).

Please include the title of your research and outline the methods used, key results and a conclusion to your study. The word limit is 200 words for this section.

Please note that your overview submission is only required for entry to this competition and is **not an entry submission** to the WCGALP. You will not have to present this work and the information sent by you will be used for marking purposes during this competition.

**WCGALP themes**

* 1. Challenges for animal breeding: focus on the contribution to the challenge rather than the technical details of the methodology
  2. Animal breeding & societal challenges: focus on the challenges and the contribution to the challenge rather than the technical details of the research and applied methodology
  3. Species-specific sessions: focus on sharing methods and results with peers working in the same area
  4. Recurrent sessions: focus on sharing methods and results with peers working in the same area

**ICBF strategic goals**

1. Maximise long term sustainable genetic gain in the national herd through national and international collaboration and service provision
2. Manage and develop the national integrated AgTech database for the national good
3. Increase farmer and industry engagement to advance sustainability in farming
4. Continuously enhance our culture, capacity, processes and standards to achieve organisational excellence
5. Please choose one option from the list. There are 4 themes at the WCGALP (see more details at [www.wcgalp.com](http://www.wcgalp.com)) and identify where your research would best fit one of the themes.
6. Please briefly describe data or name of the staff you work with in ICBF/Sheep Ireland, if applicable. If not applicable, leave blank or type “N/A”.
7. Please provide brief details on how your research might adhere to any of the ICBF strategic goals. Short answers (2 sentences max per strategic goal), if applicable. If not applicable, leave blank or type “N/A”.

**Terms and Conditions**

***Deadlines***

* Submit your entry by 12 noon 12th April 2022. Applications after this date will not be considered.
* Winners will be announced within 3 weeks of the submission deadline.

***Prize***

* Winners and their supervisors will be notified by email.
* The travel bursary amounts for the 5 winners are listed below.

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| Place | Award |
| 1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th | €1,200  €1,000  €800  €600  €400 |

* The supervisors of each winner will be asked to provide an **institution bank account** so that the prize monies can be transferred.
* Please note the prize money is intended for the students/scientists to travel/attend the WCGALP.
* Registration and all bookings for the conference are the responsibility of the winner and not ICBF/Sheep Ireland.
* The 5 winners will be officially announced through our website and we would like to publish a summary of their award winning research. Students may wish to contribute to the post with more details of their study and will be liaising with our media team.

***Best of luck!***