

Tennessee Entomological Society

NOTICE - Student Paper Competition

TO: Tennessee Entomological Society Members & Future Members (Students and Student Advisors)
FROM: Jennifer Tsuruda (TES Awards Committee), Cindy Bilbrey (President)
DATE: August 13, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION - TES

Students conducting research on insects or other terrestrial arthropods are invited and encouraged to participate in the 2026 Student Paper Competition at the TES Annual Meeting held at:

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Ellington Ag Center - Ed Jones Auditorium
416 Hogan Rd.
Nashville, TN 37220

The Student Paper Competition will be held in the afternoon on **Monday, Oct. 5 after the keynote address**. This segment of the TES meeting is always well attended and appreciated by the membership. Students may present papers on research conducted at either the undergraduate, M.S., or Ph.D. levels, and will be judged accordingly.

→ Students will be given **10 minutes for the presentation** and **2 minutes for questions**, followed by 3 minutes for the judges to record and tally points. Student presenters will be required to pay membership dues of \$10 (which includes meeting registration fees).

Please refer to the [TES website](#) for the 2026 TES Invitation Letter, information about registration and membership, online title/abstract submission form, and student paper competition evaluations.

ALL STUDENTS who present in the Student Paper Competition will be **TREATED TO DINNER** on Monday evening, Oct. 5, at a local restaurant thanks to the generosity of BASF. The winners will be announced at the TES business meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Undergraduate, M.S., and Ph.D. student competition winners will receive \$200 (first place) or \$100 (second place) as determined by a panel of 3-5 judges.

Should you have questions about the student competition, please contact:

Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Awards Committee, jtsuruda@utk.edu (please include TES in the subject line)

All students should submit titles and abstracts via [2026 Tennessee Entomological Society Title and Abstract Submission – Fill out form](#)

Questions? Contact the TES program chair, Dr. Midhula Gireesh, mgireesh@utk.edu

Title and abstract submissions are due September 28, 2026. The abstracts of each paper MUST be submitted electronically. Students will be required to upload their PowerPoint presentation (PC version, not Mac) between 1:00 and 1:45 pm CT on Monday, October 5th. We look forward to another great TES Student Paper Competition.