

The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF)

2018 TACF Annual Meeting Request for Proposals: Poster Session

October 26-27, 2018

Embassy Suites by Hilton Huntsville Hotel & Spa

800 Monroe Street

Huntsville, AL

Submission Deadline: NO LATER THAN September 21, 2018



Over the past 35 years, The American Chestnut Foundation® (TACF) has led the effort to restore the American chestnut, bringing this important issue to the forefront of current conservation initiatives. The TACF 2018 Annual Meeting will bring together scientists, conservationists, private landowners and industry professionals to share information and perspectives about the American chestnut and inspire reintroduction of this species to eastern forests. The meeting will provide an opportunity to enhance awareness of the importance of American chestnut restoration, explore partnerships, exchange information and discuss this exciting project with a wide audience.

POSTER SESSION

TACF's poster session aims to recognize the breadth of topics under investigation in the name of species restoration. It is a great way to expose attendees to the most current research, and the variety of American chestnut projects being pursued. Research posters are sought that address topics relative to American chestnut restoration and include, but are not limited to:

- Silviculture and forest management
- Chestnut blight, *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (ink disease) and other pests and pathogens
- Forest genetics
- Restoration and reintroduction
- Mine-land reclamation
- Forest and wildlife ecology
- History
- Timber value/use
- Breeding and biotechnology
- Other topics related to American chestnut

To have a poster considered for inclusion, please submit an abstract **NO LATER THAN September 21, 2018** to Kendra Collins: kendra.collins@acf.org. Please follow the abstract format guidelines below. Participation in the poster session by at least one author is expected of all accepted posters. The poster session will be on Saturday, October 27, 2018 and the poster abstract will be included in the 2018 Annual Meeting proceedings.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Poster Competition

We will hold a poster competition for student poster presenters and offer a cash prize for the best poster, as well as the first and second runners-up. Prizes will be \$250 for first, and \$100 each for second and third. Students must present their poster in-person to be eligible to win. If you are a current student (undergraduate, graduate, high school, etc.) please let us know when you submit your abstract. Good luck!

Reduced Registration Rate for Student Poster Presenters: \$25.00

Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Full day program, which includes:

- Opening General Session - Guest speakers, presentation
- Concurrent Interactive Educational Sessions/Presentations
- Lunch/snacks provided throughout the day
- Ask the Scientist Panel Session
- Poster Presentations and Social Hour with Cash Bar
- 35th Gala Dinner Program being held at The Von Braun Center, including cash bar and featuring Keynote Speaker, Mark L. Double, Research Associate in Plant Pathology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- Student Poster winner presentations held at Gala Dinner

To make your reservation, please call The American Chestnut Foundation, 828-281-0047 and be sure to tell us you are a student poster presenter (this reduced rate is not available for online registration).

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Please format your abstract as follows:

Abstract Title in Calibri, 16pt font, bold

Author last name, first initial, middle initial¹; co-author last name, first initial, middle initial²; etc. Year. (Times New Roman, 12pt font, bold)

¹Institution, address, city, state (Times New Roman, 12pt font)

²Institution, address, city, state (Times New Roman, 12pt font)

Abstract text should be limited to 200-300 words (Times New Roman, 12pt font). The abstract should contain a concise but comprehensive statement of the problem/study objective(s) and results. All abstracts should be written carefully and accurately. Abstracts that do not follow these explicit guidelines will not be accepted.

Key words: Optional.