

**The American Chestnut Foundation® (TACF)  
Special Chestnut Chat:  
Student Flash Talks and Virtual Poster Session**



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**Request for Proposals**

**October 20, 2023 from 11:30am – 2:00pm**

**Zoom: Student Flash Talks during Chestnut Chat, 11:30 – 1:00**

**Virtual Poster Session to Follow, 1:00 – 2:00**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: September 29, 2023**

For 40 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. In an effort to make our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration more accessible to ALL of our members, we are working to plan local events with each of our state chapters, rather than holding our traditional annual conference. That said, we look forward to our annual poster session and student flash talks, as they provide an opportunity to share cutting-edge research, explore partnerships, exchange information, and discuss this crucial mission with a wide audience. In the hopes of providing this opportunity in a virtual space, we will devote our usual Chestnut Chat time to highlighting student work through a series of flash talks. A virtual poster session will follow, with all welcome to participate – student and professional alike.

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

**Student Flash Talks**

Student flash talks will be presented virtually during Chestnut Chat on October 20, 2023 from 11:30am – 1:00pm. This is a great opportunity for students to share their work, and for our Chestnut Chat viewers to learn about the most current research underway. Students will be given a set amount of time to present their work (TBD, based on the number of participants). Current students (or recent graduates) may be considered for presenting. Please submit an abstract **September 29, 2023** to Kendra Collins: [kendra.collins@acf.org](mailto:kendra.collins@acf.org) using the guidelines below and indicate if you would like to contribute a flash talk and/or poster.

**Student Poster Competition**

In addition to flash talks we will hold a virtual poster competition for student poster presenters who also present a flash talk. A cash prize will be awarded to the best poster, as well as the first and second runners-up. Students must participate in both the flash talk and virtual poster session to be eligible to win. Prizes will be \$250 for first, and \$100 each for second and third. If you are a current student (undergraduate, graduate, high school, etc.), please note this when you submit your abstract. Good luck!

**POSTER SESSION – OPEN TO ALL**

TACF's virtual 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 addressing topics relative to American chestnut restoration are desired. This and other topics of interest are:

- 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, submit an abstract by **September 29, 2023** to Kendra Collins: [kendra.collins@acf.org](mailto: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 take place virtually on Friday October 20, 2023 from 1:00 – 2:00pm. All poster presenters will have the option to publish their abstract and a PDF of the poster on TACF's website following the poster session.

#### **ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES**

Please format your abstract as follows:

### **Abstract Title in Calibri, 16pt font, bold**

**Author last name, first initial, middle initial<sup>1</sup>; co-author last name, first initial, middle initial<sup>2</sup>; etc. Year. (Times New Roman, 12pt font, bold)**

<sup>1</sup>Institution, address, city, state (Times New Roman, 12pt font)

<sup>2</sup>Institution, 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.

*Keywords:* Optional.